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COUNCILLORS ADMIT TO FARM OFFENCES

Report by Karen Evans

TWO county councillors have admitted a string of animal health offences in court.

Councillor Aled Davies admitted six offences at Llandrindod Wells Magistrates Court yesterday (Wednesday).

Davies, 53, of Glanogeu, Rhiwlas, Llansilin, and county councillor for Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant and Llansilin, already had a caution for similar offences.

Fellow Conservative Councillor Robert Gwynfor Thomas, 49, of Ponty Pentre Farm, Llansantffraid, admitted nine charges and asked for 153 other offences to be taken into account.

He represents the Llansantffraid ward.

Davies's offences included failing to notify the death of cattle on his farm and failing to supply an up to date register of cattle on his farm.

Rob Brown, prosecuting for Powys County Council, said animal health officers visited Davies's farm following a complaint. Davies was unable to produce certain records relating to the disposal of fallen animals. A further complaint was received saying there were sheep carcasses on the land and his sheep were in poor condition.

Carcasses

Officers attended again with a vet and found nine sheep carcasses. The officers said they had been there for at least two weeks. Huw Williams, for Davies, said the sheep carcasses found on Davies's land had been covered by snow drifts and could not be seen until the snow cleared. Davies refuted they had been there for at least two weeks. Mr Williams said Davies blamed an act of laziness for failing to notify the death of cattle on his farm and said his client had been busy. Davies was fined £800 for failing to notify the death of cattle with no separate penalty for the remaining matters. He was ordered to pay a £80 victim surcharge, £180 court charge and £1,500 costs.

Among the offences admitted by Thomas were two charges of failing to supply an up to date register of cattle and two charges of failing to notify the authorities of the birth, movement or death of cattle.

Mr Brown said Thomas had systematically failed to maintain animal movement, birth and death records and to make the required notifications on cattle at his farm.

Mr Brown said in August 2014, 147 cattle were presented for routine Bovine TB testing and Thomas was unable to account for 77 missing cows. Animal health officers wanted to inspect his records, but Thomas said they were in a mess and he was given time to sort them out.

At the next visit, Thomas admitted there were major issues at the farm due to him "sticking his head in the sand".

He was unable to give details of what had happened to 84 cattle no longer at the holding and said some had been missing for years.

Magistrates adjourned his case for an all-options pre-sentence report to be carried out.

He will appear for sentencing at Welshpool Magistrates Court on Tuesday.

Hotel scoops top awards from influential guide

Chef David Braddick and Miles Hunter, owner of the Pen-y-Dyffryn Country Hotel, with the prestigious awards

DRAW back the curtains on the huge Georgian windows of your hotel room and enjoy the glorious views of the Shropshire/Welsh border.

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It is an idyllic picture that has drawn visitors back to Pen-y-Dyffryn Country Hotel time and time again.

Now the hotel, at Rhydycroesau near Oswestry, has been given two major awards by the prestigious Good Hotel Guide.

The Pen-y-Dyffryn has been named the Best Walking Hotel and has also taken the "Rooms with a View" title.

And, in the same week, the hotel won Sawday's Special Places Favourite Hotel Award, and topped off its remarkable winning streak with an AA Silver Star Award for superior guest service.

Owners Miles and Audrey Hunter will travel to London next week for a special presentation during the Independent Hotel Show at the Olympia Exhibition Centre.

They are passionate about their hotel and the area in which it sits which they say astonishes their visitors.

Mr Hunter said: "Winning awards like these show that Shropshire can compete with the best of them when it comes to being a great tourist destination."

The couple bought the hotel 28 years ago and admit they fell in love with it as soon as they saw it. "It was very much a wedding venue then but over about five years we transformed it into a country house hotel and restaurant." said Mr Hunter.

"Local people use the restaurant and our hotel guests come not only from across the UK but across the world."

He said the views were something that first time visitors always commented on.

"We have rooms with views over our gardens and others that look out over the Welsh hills. The Shropshire/Welsh border is just 100 metres from the hotel, it is the the river that runs across from Pen-y-Dyffryn," he said.

Over the years hotel staff have built up no less than 20 walking guides that are available for visitors to borrow.

HEALTH

GP surgeries are facing a crisis, say leading doctors

LEADING Welshpool doctors have warned a local healthcare crisis is looming because a growing number of experienced GPs are retiring or moving away.

They say the situation means Government plans to move to a seven days a week routine GP service are "fanciful and unrealistic".

The warnings were sounded at a Rural Primary Care conference at Gregynog Hall, near Newtown.

The conference hosted a debate on the subject of the Government wanting GPs to provide a seven days a week set-up.

Dr Michael Lewis, a Welshpool GP, said an extended hours routine GP service had been piloted in England and abandoned by many practices due to insufficient demand.

He said: "There are not enough doctors or nurses to provide a seven days a week routine service, and new staff, such as pharmacists, physician associates and others, are being brought in to support primary care."

Montgomeryshire Medical Society chairman Dr James Kiel, a Welshpool GP, said he was also concerned about the Government proposals. He said: "There is insufficient manpower to cover what we do at the moment without thinking about delivering a seven days a week routine service. To try and expand the service is fanciful and unrealistic."

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CAMPAIGN

Special business feature this week

THE work of Oswestry's independent businesses and the launch of a new chamber of commerce ambassador scheme are the focus of a special feature in this week's Chronicle.

The feature is part of the Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign which promotes and champions the town's firms.

And don't miss our regular weekly We Mean Business editorial profile.

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Expo will offer a vision of the future to businesses

Report by Thom Kennedy

A LEADING regional economist will discuss how Oswestry can make the most of its location as it looks to grow the local economy when he speaks at a business event next week.

Paul Forrest, head economist at the West Midlands Economic Forum, will deliver the keynote address at the expo at the Lion Quays Hotel on Thursday.

Oswestry Vision – Connecting Excellence is for businesses across Shropshire, Powys and North East Wales looking to network with leading professional service companies, manufacturers, cyber security, communications and logistics firms.

It starts with a networking business breakfast at 8am at which Mr Forrest will speak.

He will examine markets, trends and technologies and, using the latest ONS data, will explore the cross-border potential for growth in Shropshire, Powys and Wrexham.

He will also focus on Oswestry's ideal location to capitalise on the important A5 corridor connecting Ireland, the UK's fifth largest trading partner, with the North Wales/West Midlands manu-services sector.

The drop in Expo from 10am until 1pm is free to attend. Attendees will get experience of new tools and technologies from the Barclays Digital Eagles team in the Expo's immersive interactive Digital Den – the first event of its kind in Shropshire.

The blue-lit Barclays Digital Den features 3-D printers, a Twitter wall and plasma screens.

Shropshire Chamber chief executive, Richard Sheehan, said: "Staged right on the Welsh border at Lion Quays Hotel, this is a superb opportunity to network with some of the best businesses in Shropshire and border counties, and hear from a first class economist on the really exciting potential for growth in the region."

Oswestry Chamber of Commerce chair Jools Payne added: "Delegates will learn how future casting and digital literacy can inform executive decision-making to deliver competitive advantage.

"The Expo element is a really cool event where absolutely any business in the region – whatever size or sector – will gain relevant and actionable insights that can be built into their business development."

Footballer Ray tells of career at charity lunch

Wayn Martayn, Andrew Faulks, Ray Parlour, Mick Martin and Michael Hodge with the £11,500 cheque

FOLLOWERS of the beautiful game enjoyed a treat when they were entertained by a colourful former England international player at a charity lunch.

Ex-Arsenal midfielder Ray Parlour was the guest speaker at the event at the Lion Quays Hotel near Oswestry.

Parlour regaled dinner guests with tales of his footballing career and comedian Mick Martin also provided some entertainment.

The former soccer star was speaking at the Graham Edwards Memorial Trophy lunch.

The trophy competition was founded in memory of Graham Edwards, a promising 21-year-old footballer from Gobowen who died from leukaemia in 1974. It is now one of the longest running charity tournaments in the country, with a sign of its longevity being that the sons and even grandsons of players who played in the first tournament have competed in recent years.

All money raised from the tournament goes to Leukaemia Research. The competition's annual lunch also raises money for the charity.

Andrew Faulks, partner at Stans Superstore in St Martins, which helps organise the tournament, said: "It was superb. It went really well and I think we've raised about £4,500, possibly more, on the day.

"We had 230 guests for dinner and an auction in the afternoon raised £3,000. Ray's talk was very entertaining. He had lots of stories to tell about his time in the game. And Mick Martin was good as well.

"It's so well supported, the tournament's been going for 41 years and there's no lack of support for the event."

At the lunch a cheque for £11,500 was handed over to Leukaemia Research, bringing the total raised over the years to £130,000, with the proceeds from the lunch still to be added.

This year's tournament was won by St Martins. In the under 13s junior tournament, held for the second time, Oswestry Boys and Girls Club beat Gobowen.

Scam victim had £20,000 stolen by pair

A WOMAN had £20,000 taken from her accounts when her bank card was stolen after a shopping trip.

The woman, from Salop Street, Oswestry, had been into the town centre on Monday last week and had withdrawn some cash from a machine in Church Street. As she walked up her drive she was approached by a woman holding a map and asking, in a foreign accent, for directions. The woman was joined by a man and the resident was asked to mark a location on the map.

She was asked to do this inside the house, on the kitchen table, out of the rain. A West Mercia Police spokeswoman said: "The victim, who is an older resident, believed that nothing had been taken. However, on Friday, October 9, she discovered that her own bank card had been taken and, to conceal the theft, had been replaced by a card which had been stolen elsewhere.

"The offenders obtained the PIN for the card by observing the victim at the cash point. The bank confirmed that over £20,000 had been withdrawn from the victim's accounts by fraudulent transactions at various locations around the UK. Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101 quoting incident reference 0268s of October 5 regarding the card theft and 0191s of October 9 regarding the withdrawal of money.

Company moving to new premises

ONE of Oswestry's manufacturing companies is moving to bigger premises within the town.

Guttercrest, which makes aluminium rainwater products for the construction industry, has bought a 40,000 square foot complex on the Oswestry Industrial Estate and hopes to relocate from its current headquarters on Victoria Road early next year.

The expansion plans also include investing an additional £3 million in state-of-the-art manufacturing equipment so that it can further extend its product range.

Guttercrest employs 50 staff and is keeping its current premises which would now be marketed 'To Let'.

Managing director Gary Power said the purchase of the 40,000 square feet facility, the former Elements Europe factory, would allow the company to offer its customers an enhanced service.

Road tragedy prompts calls for action

Kalun Longman

FRESH calls have been made for safety improvements to the A483 road between Oswestry and Welshpool following the tragic death of a teenage moped rider.

Sixteen-year-old Kalun Longman from Newtown had been riding his prized Aprilia RS50 moped when he was involved in a crash with a transit van on the A483 at Llanymynech on Tuesday morning last week. Residents in Llanymynech said they had been concerned about the safety of the road through the village for many years.

Many have been calling for a bypass to be built around the village for more than a decade, and Councillor Dilys Gaskill, of Llanymynech and Pant Parish Council, said the tragedy showed that an improvement to the road was desperately needed.

Councillor Gaskill said: "There have been people killed on this road before, but not for a very long time. When we have these bypass meetings someone always says some day someone will be killed – and this is what we mean.

"It does show that the volume of traffic coming through and the mix of traffic is not suitable for the small road through the village."

Newtown High School, where Kalun had been a student, issued a statement saying: "Kalun was a tour de force, a character who filled the room, a source of laughter and joy. Kalun had his soft side too. He was kind, considerate and thoughtful."

Fundraiser Dave goes back to basics for tour

Report by Pam Kingsley

A MAN has gone back to basics and taken up a traveller lifestyle to raise funds for charity.

Dave Ellis from Oswestry is living off the land as he makes his way to Dolgellau by horse and cart.

Mr Ellis, 65, is relying on his knowledge of edible plant life to survive during the trip, which he is making with his faithful horse Coby Lad.

He set off on Friday last week and is accompanied by a support crew who will make sure he sticks to his all-natural diet and record some of his meals for a DVD.

The unusual fundraiser is in memory of his wife Chris, who died from cancer on New Year's Eve 2013.

She was first diagnosed with breast cancer before it spread into her bones, and she was nursed at home by Mr Ellis and their four sons, Lee, Darren, Ben and Sam, before she passed away.

All the sponsorship money Mr Ellis raises will be given to Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital's Bone Cancer Centre Appeal.

"I'm going to be living in my bowtop cart and surviving entirely off the land," said Mr Ellis, who is now retired but previously ran the Beaverz Ally Reclamation Yard in Froncysyllte, near Chirk, which is now managed by his son Ben.

"I'll be eating nettles, dandelions, hawthorns, maybe a few fish if I can catch them.

"I know quite a bit about what you can and can't eat and I'll be trying quite a few new recipes such as nettle root coffee."

To donate to Mr Ellis's fundraising efforts visit Beaverz Ally Reclamation Yard, Froncysyllte, or call Mr Ellis on 07434 921441.

Dave Ellis has set off on a horse-drawn caravan tour and will be living off the land

NEWS IN BRIEF

Alert is raised over phone scam

POLICE are warning people to stay alert for phone scammers after two suspicious calls were received by families over the weekend.

A resident of St Martins, near Oswestry, received three unsolicited phone calls on Saturday to inform him that his bank had overcharged his account and now owed him £3,000.

The caller told him that to recover the debt a solicitor's fee of £300 would be required. No bank details were requested but he was told a payment should be made out on a Post Office Moneygram and would be collected by an agent to ensure an instant transfer of £3,000 to his account.

The callers had what were described as Indian or Pakistani accents and already possessed some details including date of birth, address and phone number.

Between Thursday and Saturday a family in Shrewsbury received similar calls. The accents of the callers were also described as Indian but the names given were common in the UK.

Number change for doctor service

THE telephone number for Shropshire's out-of-hours GP service has changed because of a rising cost of landline calls.

The Shropdoc number has changed to 0333 222 66 55.

The move comes after regulation changes by Ofcom regarding the use of 08 numbers and the rise in cost of calls from landlines.

Ian Winstanley, Shropdoc chief executive, said: "Up to now the tariff we have used for the out of hours number is one pence per minute from BT landlines but with the new regulations the telephone providers could charge significantly more, up to 15p per minute on some networks.

"It is unacceptable that some of our patients would be forced to pay 15p per minute while making an essential phone call to our advisors and doctors so we decided to take immediate action."

Inquest told of worries

A PUB landlord hanged himself over money worries, an inquest was told.

Roderick Mark Davies died on June 19 in Llanforda Woods, Broom Hall, Oswestry. He had been the licensee of the Butchers Arms in the town.

Coroner John Ellery said it was believed Mr Davies had money worries. His death was recorded as suicide.

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Council 'not at fault' over how it dealt wth Aldi bid

Report by Sue Austin

SHROPSHIRE Council was not at fault in the way it approved the planning application for a new supermarket in Oswestry, an investigator for the Local Government Ombudsman's office has ruled.

The Oswestry Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) had complained to the ombudsman over the decision to allow the Aldi on Shrewsbury Road to go ahead as the plans involved the demolition of the town's historic Gate House tollhouse.

But investigator Claire Mead said that while Shropshire Council's rules could have been written more clearly, the council and its planning officers had followed proper procedures.

Ms Mead found that the planning application was not "called in" by local councillors for determination by the planning committee, so officers granted planning permission under delegated powers.

She also found that the council was not at fault for granting permission while appeals were taking place in relation to the listing of the Gate House.

And she ruled that the wording of the council's rules regarding "complex or major applications" allowed for the planning officers to decide on the Aldi application.

Charles Green, joint chairman of Oswestry CPRE, said: "Whilst recognising the LGO's ruling, we remain astonished that the council's rules allow such an important decision to be made in private by officers rather than going to committee.

"In this case we are also dumbfounded that officers should have seen fit actually to use this ambiguous rule, which denied the public any access to the making of the decision.

"We also remain saddened by the wanton destruction of the old tollhouse, which did have considerable historical significance both internally and externally.

"There is also the inevitable damaging loss of footfall in the town centre that a big out-of-centre supermarket will mean, which can only be made worse now that the Lidl development on the nearby JT Hughes site has also been approved by officers in private. And if the Morrisons development on the Smithfield site just along the road ever goes ahead the town centre will be decimated."

Oswestry and District Civic Society had also complained to the LGO that officers had not properly accounted for the local distinctiveness of the tollhouse but a different investigator ruled that the council was not at fault and that a group such as the civic society could not have perceived an injustice because each individual had to show they were directly affected by any fault.

Man 'drove erratically' before crash

AN ELDERLY man was seen driving erratically moments before the collision that led to his death, an inquest was told.

Kenneth Towers died on June 22 at Royal Stoke University Hospital, the day after his car went on to the wrong side of the road where it collided with a black Mercedes.

The 85-year-old was seen driving erratically from his home in Llanyblodwel near Oswestry towards Llansantffraid along the A495 before stopping at a Murco petrol station and then heading back in the direction he had come from.

It was on this return drive that the Rover he was driving went into the opposite lane.

Pc Alex Saxton, from West Mercia Police, told the inquest at Shirehall in Shrewsbury there were no clear medical reasons to explain Mr Towers's behaviour.

Collision investigator Pc Ian Edwards said he attended the scene soon after the accident. He said: "We look at all the conditions that could have caused the collisions – those are speed, alcohol, the road surface and the weather conditions.

"With all those ruled out, it leads us to look at the driver."

Pc Edwards said he was unable to categorically say what caused Mr Towers's driving to be erratic. He also told the hearing it was believed Mr Towers may have had a minor accident or near miss earlier in the journey.

Mr Towers's death was recorded as one of multiple injuries caused by a road traffic collision.

Mandy in the pink for charity

Mandy Jenkins from Twelve Green Bottles in Oswestry's Leg Street

ROSÉ, pink fizz and pink-labelled craft beers are dominating the displays of a wine shop in Oswestry this month as it supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Visitors to Twelve Green Bottles wine shop in Leg Street, Oswestry, will be tickled pink by the window displays, and anyone buying a pink drink will also be helping to support the worthwhile cause.

Mandy Jenkins, who owns Twelve Green Bottles with husband Neil, said: "I created the window display to raise awareness of Cancer Research's annual Breast Cancer Awareness Month campaign. We'll be raising money for the charity with a donation from every bottle of rosé wine and pink fizz sold in the shop during October.

"I have a number of customers who have pledged to hold a cheese and wine fundraising evening for Cancer Research this month, so I am delighted to offer a donation from every rosé sale and of course, will happily provide advice and guidance on the best cheeses and nibbles to go with a pink fizz or rosé."

Mandy is planning to wear something pink every day throughout October to raise more awareness.

"We hope lots of people will donate, and we've got a collection box on the counter so if anyone does want to give anything they can just pop in," she said.

She has created a Just Giving page at www.justgiving.com/Amanda-Jenkins2015

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Concerns are voiced over hospital shake-up delay

Report by Wayne Beese

MONTGOMERYSHIRE MP Glyn Davies has described the current status of a controversial programme to decide where Shropshire's A&E department should be sited as a "monumental shambles".

Mr Davies was speaking after a decision on the location of a new single A&E unit at either Telford's Princess Royal Hospital or the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital was deferred.

Members of the Future Fit programme board, the body behind the decision, said the delay was because none of the three shortlisted options for change addressed a growing £20 million-plus deficit in the finances of the two hospitals.

Mr Davies said: "There has been a long and expensive £2 million process to decide what to do now.

"I'm told that initially, it was decided that both hospitals would remain – the Royal Shrewsbury becoming the 'emergency' centre while the Princess Royal would become the advanced treatment and diagnostic centre.

"And that the Women's and Children's Hospital should be moved to Shrewsbury.

"Anyway, no decision was taken – deferred now until next summer.

"I don't know where we go from here. The current position is unsustainable.

"It was always going to be a tough call, followed by a massive public row. That's why £2 million was spent preparing for it.

"At present, the dust is settling and maybe the fog will lift in a few weeks to show us a way forward. But it looks a monumental shambles at the moment."

Mr Davies's concerns were shared by Shrewsbury MP Daniel Kawczynski who last week wrote to Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt to press concerns A&E could be moved to Telford "by stealth" this winter because of increased demand and staff shortages.

The preferred option was to build a new emergency centre to house A&E on a single site, on green land somewhere in between the two existing hospitals.

But it had to be ruled out after the £500 million-plus costs of such a facility were deemed to be unaffordable, leaving a straight choice between Princess Royal or Royal Shrewsbury for the new single A&E.

David Evans, of Telford Clinical Commissioning Group, and Brigid Stacey, of Shropshire CCG, have said it was unlikely that a strategic outline case would have been approved by central bodies like NHS England, the Trust Development Authority and the Treasury. It was therefore agreed to defer a decision on naming a preferred option for transforming NHS services in the region.

Gadget Show to highlight phone issues

PROBLEMS with mobile phone signal in Mid Wales will be investigated on national television.

Montgomeryshire AM Russell George will appear on an episode of The Gadget Show on Channel 5, to discuss the lack of signal. Mr George said residents have contacted him about the issue and he plans to meet with EE and 3 in mid-November for talks.

He said he was still waiting for a response from Vodafone and O2.

It comes after North Shropshire MP Owen Paterson accused mobile phones bosses of putting lives at risk by not improving reception in rural parts of the county.

Mr George said: "I was contacted by the Gadget Show for a feature they want to do about the issue of phone signal in Newtown.

"Many areas of Mid Wales have poor signal and for most of those areas it has always been very poor.

"But in Newtown there was once very good signal, but it is is getting progressively worse as mobile phone providers decide to share masts.

"People bombard me at the moment with the issue, it really is something that is angering the town's residents.

"Last Saturday I had more messages than I have ever had in one day before and they were all about this issue. Something has to change.

Award for cool Christopher

Christopher Catt with his fire service Young Person of the Year Award

TEENAGER Christopher Catt wasn't expecting to have to use his first aid training on a flight home from a holiday in Spain.

But when a man fell ill and air stewards asked for help the 16-year-old, who lives in Llanymynech near Oswestry, immediately stepped forward. Now Christopher – a young firefighter cadet – has been named the Young Person of the Year by the North Wales Fire Service.

His mother, Karen, was with him on the flight from Almeria in May after they had been to visit his grandmother.

"We were about 20 minutes from landing when a message came across on the tannoy asking if there were any first aid trained people on the flight as a passenger had fallen ill," she said.

"A woman sitting next to us put her hand up and said she worked in a hospital – and straight away Christopher asked if he could help because he had done his first aid training with Chirk Young Firefighters.

"They went to the aid of a gentleman who had an some kind of seizure and had bitten his tongue.

"When the woman said she couldn't find a pulse Christopher immediately ripped open the man's shirt in readiness for carrying out CPR. Then she found the pulse and Christopher went and found the oxygen in the cabin, put him in the recovery position and helped to look after him until we landed."

"I am extremely proud of how calm he was," Mrs Catt said.

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BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

It's high time the bosses at Morrisons came clean about just what is happening with the planned new superstore on the outskirts of Oswestry. The retail giants should have built the new store by now as part of the £45million Smithfield livestock market site redevelopment scheme which should also include a a Cineworld cinema and restaurants. But Morrisons are refusing to confirm or deny reasons why work has not started leaving the situation in a state of limbo and the site fenced off with no sign of the bulldozers moving in.

It really is a sorry state of affairs and could have far reaching repercussions for Oswestry with so much depending on the development taking place. What surprises me most is that neither Shropshire Council nor Oswestry Town Council seem to be kicking up much of a fuss about the situation. Do they have too much to lose by rocking the boat? It's time we got some answers and the truth about why the works are on hold. The whole area is starting to become an eyesore and gives a really bad impression for visitors to Oswestry.

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Don't get too excited about this week's news that Shropshire's economy outpaced those of Birmingham, Coventry and the Black Country during the second quarter of the year. Because we may have had the good times. Shropshire was named the fourth fastest growing area of the West Midlands. But, the pace of growth slowed when compared with the first quarter, mirroring recent data from Shropshire Chamber of Commerce's quarterly economic survey which suggested that economic growth was levelling off. The quarterly regional growth tracker from the Royal Bank of Scotland highlighted that Shropshire's economy grew by 2.9 per cent in the second quarter, when compared with a year before. So it is disappointing to learn that this may have just been a blip, particularly when inflation, as measured by the Consumer Prices Index, fell to -0.1 per cent in September.

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I paid another trip to the British Ironwork Centre at the weekend and have to say how blessed we are to have such a brilliant facility right on our doorsteps in Oswestry – and all free of charge. Hundreds of people were enjoying the autumn sunshine and the delights of this remarkable venture on the outskirts of the town with the chance to see the brilliant craftsmanship of the ironwork staff and even enjoy falconry displays.It seems something different has happened every time you visit.

So it's hard to think that planners even conceived running National Grid pylons through the middle of this beautiful venue.

Converting Church Farm, Kemberton, into a B&B allowed the owners to stay on in the family home

It's hard work, says Clive Wilson of Yew Tree House, Lower Frankton, but very enjoyable

Running Nelson Cottage B&B has proved to be a lot of fun for owners Jan and Fred Price

Buying a B&B? You might want to sleep on it first

Buying a B&B business can be a costly undertaking, but it's also a lot of fun, writes THOMAS MORTON

FOR many it is the idyllic retirement dream – moving to the country and opening a nice bed and breakfast for a slower pace of life.

But, according to a new report, a B&B is among the most costly of small businesses to take on

And Shropshire's owners agree it's not the ticket to a quick buck or an easy life – although they insist it is great fun.

Insurance figures show that buying a B&B is rated as the most expensive type of small business to purchase.

Figures from Direct Line for Business insurance show that for every £1 of turnover generated, B&Bs have a purchase value of £4.49, compared to the average of £1.74 for the average UK small firm.

Those figures take into account the cost of buying a property to set up as a B&B, although as Jan and Fred Price point out, that investment usually also provides a home for the business owners.

The retired couple bought Nelson Cottage Bed and Breakfast in Rocks Green on the outskirts of Ludlow five years ago.

Jen said: "We used to have a shop, a convenience store in Herefordshire, but we sold that and Fred took early retirement.

"But after a while Fred was climbing the walls so we thought we'd look at trying to find a tea room or B&B to run."

She said they looked around for businesses for sale but couldn't find anything.

"Then we realised – it's houses we should be looking at," she said.

She said Nelson Cottage was run as a B&B by the previous owner, but was not being sold as a business, just as a house.

Jan and Fred Price from Nelson Cottage B&B business

While the owner could show them business figures, it was only the property they were buying, she said, which left them with the freedom to keep running it as a business or simply use it as a family home – and it was a purchase they didn't regret.

She said: "It was perfect.

"We bought it and two weeks later there was the Medieval Fair at Ludlow Castle and it's been chock-a-block ever since."

The couple are now looking to sell it on again, but in the same fashion – as a house, with the option of carrying the business on.

"It's been great, but Fred had a stroke last year and I think it's a bit of a warning that maybe it's time to slow down," she said.

At Church Farm B&B in Kemberton, Allison Kwiatkowski agreed it was strange to view the price of the house as part of the business cost as it was also the family home.

In fact that's all Church Farm was until recently when she and husband Chris had the the tricky conversation of what to do with the five-bedroom house now the children had left home.

The couple had lived there 20 years and farmed the land around it.

Mrs Kwiatkowski said: "My husband wanted to downsize as we had too many bedrooms and a big garden, but I didn't.

"So we decided the house had to pay its way."

She said Chris, now in his 60s and retired, had run pubs before, while she, in her 50s, still worked a secretary for the headmaster of Birchfield School, near Wolverhampton, but both loved their new life as B&B owners.

She said: "We're having a blast.

"It's really good fun and it's brought the house back to life.

"Make no mistake, it's hard work, but because it's a nice house it's pleasurable work, and it means we can continue to live here."

She said Shropshire Tourism had been "brilliant" helping to set up their website, and they had their first booking from America with hours.

And they've seen Belgians, Russians and Australians all come through in recent months.

"We didn't realise what an attraction Ironbridge was until we did this," Allison said.

Clive Wilson at Yew Tree House at Lower Frankton between Oswestry and Ellesmere, had a similar experience of being a B&B owner with wife Jo.

"If you do it properly it's jolly hard work, it's not all sitting about meeting people," the 64-year-old said.

"It's pretty constant – you might get a couple of hours in the middle of the day to yourself."

But after eight years he said it was still fun, meeting everyone from knights of the realm to truck drivers.

He said: "It is pretty full on, but I used to run three companies and it's not stressful like that.

"As a business model, to be honest, I could make a lot more doing something else.

"You are forever getting money and then spending it on ripping out bathrooms or buying new bed linen and mattresses.

"Fortunately, I don't have to rely on this as my sole form of income, though it pays for our holidays and means I can drink wine in the week.

"I'm sure you could make a living from it, but it would be difficult.

"But it's a lifestyle.

"That's why we do it. It's really enjoyable.

"In fact I'm surprised at how much I've enjoyed it – though it does help if you like people."

WORKING FOR YOU

We are placed at an enormous competitive disadvantage in North Shropshire by the lack of efficient broadband and mobile telephone coverage.

It is impossible to maintain a signal between the five market towns on any network.

Improving this is key to the majority of local people who rely on mobile telephones and the internet. Residents travelling between towns should not have to put up with being cut off. The safety of my constituents should not be compromised by the inability to call for the police, fire service or an ambulance in an emergency.

I strongly believe that nothing would have a more spectacular effect on the rural economy than the rollout of broadband.

Connecting Shropshire expect to have 93 per cent of homes and businesses covered by 2018, 92 per cent of which are expected to be at superfast speeds.

I put improving communications at the heart of my re-election campaign and continue to work with the industry, Government and Shropshire Council's Connecting Shropshire, to make my constituents' case for improving the actively worsening service that we endure on a daily basis.

I organised a meeting in Westminster this week with representatives from BT and Vodafone, to establish how the two companies can work together to improve the speed and quality of the service. The meeting was constructive and we found several areas where I could help by liaising with Government Ministers.

They were also able to agree to try and cooperate on areas, such as the siting of masts and enhancing of masts, where they are not currently working as efficiently together as they could. I am pleased that progress is being made and that Vodafone's coverage is expected to be significantly better by 2017. It is still not good enough that some of my constituents suffer no signal at all. I would ask anyone in that position to contact my office giving me their postcode so that I can put them in touch with BT to explore their "Never Say No" initiative which aims to provide faster broadband to rural communities such as North Shropshire. This initiative hopes to help bolster speeds and widen coverage by exploring funding and technical solutions.

There is still much to do and I will be meeting representatives from Connecting Shropshire early next year to assess progress and discuss what else needs to be done to make sure my constituents receive phone and broadband communications fit for the 21st century.

Owen Paterson
North Shropshire MP

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Mistaken policy on badger control

DESPITE overwhelming evidence to the contrary, our local MPs continue to insist that the culling of badgers in selected areas is an effective "solution" to the persistent and rising problem of bovine TB in our cattle herds.

It is not surprising that both the public and many farmers are confused by the current situation.

Conflicting anecdotal evidence continues to cloud an already unsatisfactory debate and a mistaken policy.

The overwhelming scientific evidence over the past 100 plus years is that if you try to eliminate a small section of any established population of animals within an ecosystem, they will migrate and multiply at a greater rate than normal to compensate.

In the badgers' case, this was interpreted by Owen Paterson MP as "the badgers have moved the goalposts", as the incidence of TB continues to rise in many areas.

The evidence from other countries' experience is that we are dealing with a complex system that needs understanding and a multi-strand, long term strategy to resolve.

We would suggest that the following needs to be combined and introduced on a national scale: halt the badger cull; vaccinate cattle and badgers; impose much stricter controls on cattle movements and if farmers continue to rely on maize silage as a winter feed, it needs to be supplemented with mineral licks that are available for both cattle and badgers (maize is known to be low in many minerals, notably selenium, that are important in maintaining the immune systems in both cattle and badgers).

We also need to review the modern breeding and management methods in dairy herds to establish whether these are exacerbating the problem.

DR DAVID GIBBON
South Shropshire Green Party

We should be giving subsidy support to greener energy

I AM horrified to learn that whilst the Government is cutting subsidies for genuinely low carbon onshore wind and solar power they are likely to be giving the Drax Power Station nearly £2 million in subsidies every single day for their coal and wood-burning power station.

The UK burns more wood in power stations than any other country in Europe.

Drax is importing millions of tonnes of wood pellets, many of them made from whole trees from clear-cut wetland forests in the southern US – forests teeming with plant and animal species, many of them endangered and some of them and found nowhere else in the wild.

Cutting down such forest ecosystems fuels climate change, too.

Many peer-reviewed studies, including the Department of Climate and Energy Change's own, confirms that burning wood pellets sourced in this way can be even worse for the climate than burning coal.

Without subsidies this industry would close. Climate change is a serious and dangerous threat to peace and security around the world.

We need the government to change its energy policy.

Support needs to go towards energy efficiency, home insulation and truly climate-friendly renewable such as sustainable wind and solar power – not to dirty, destructive and high-carbon biomass electricity.

ANGIE ZELTER
Knighton

Site became region's children's hospice

Marjie Wadon at the site of Hope House children's respite hospice in Morda in January 1995. The completed hospice opened its doors to its first families on October 23 that year at the end of a £3 million appeal to build and equip the hospice. Marjie was the care manager.

Committee will not be fair to the BBC and its future

I AM concerned about the committee that the Government has appointed to oversee the renewal of the BBC charter.

All of those that David Cameron has appointed to this committee are anti-BBC and therefore there is unlikely to be a free, fair and just outcome to their deliberations.

There is considerable concern that they wish to make the BBC a subscription-based broadcaster, which will cause great hardship to a vast number of pensioners.

There are also the utterances coming from Government sources saying that commercial broadcasters and newspaper companies should be taking away the profitable parts of the BBC to make themselves profitable.

The BBC does use its commercial arm to sell a lot of its products worldwide and this goes back into subsidising other parts of the BBC. The BBC is the only media company that can take on and challenge companies over product and services shortfalls in delivery.

ROBERT MURRAY
Sutton Hill

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Dave and the wealth divide

SHOULD one feel sorry for David Cameron for not being able to reach the target he set for cutting immigration?

Perhaps not as he can take comfort in the fact that under his leadership the number of millionaires in this country has risen to 715,000. Up 207,000 since 2010.

That makes the gap between rich and poor in this country the biggest in the EU.

And we are to tell them how to put their house in order?

TERRY HILLIER
Four Crosses

Look up to the sky and think about all those clouds

THERE is a lot on the internet about chemtrails, so I decided to look this up and examine the claims and counter claims.

The people who believe in chemtrails state that vapour trails from aeroplanes fade away and disappear, but that chemtrails spread out and cover the sky and block out the sun.

This could be a good thing if this blocks out the sun's harmful radiation which can cause skin cancer.

If this assumption is true, what could be the harm?

They also claim that heavy metals are used in spraying, a term they use for chemtrails, and that heavy metals can increase dementia. Others claim that weather control could be advantageous to corporations and western governments as a weapon. The aviation industry state this is conspiracy theory.

I wonder what readers think, and have they looked up to the sky and thought, are those clouds natural or not?

M NORWOOD
Whittington

Privatisation is not the answer

WE are constantly told that privatising nationalised industries equals progress and success, that privatisation helps the country, its economy and its people – it is far from the truth.

The privatised utilities rip us off on a daily basis and two-thirds of them are owned by foreigners.

What do they care about UK consumers?

We invented the railways, the system was privatised by Monty Python – 21 private companies running the trains and one company owning and renting out the tracks to them.

Twenty years on and we have the worst railway services in the Western worldwith late, overcrowded, dirty, unsafe trains which cannot be relied upon and, wait for it, we are paying subsidies to these private companies four times greater than we paid to the old British Rail.

The UK's Royal Mail was the best and cheapest door to door service in the world. It is now fully privatised – its services greatly reduced, its prices greatly increased. It was not nationalised industries who sent females down the mines and children up chimneys, it was private firms just like the ones today who are bleeding our NHS dry.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Couple's joy at return of wallet

A COUPLE have thanked a good Samaritan who returned their wallet that had been left in a fish and chip shop.

Nicholas and Philippa Hicks, from West Felton near Oswestry, took their daughter and a friend to the cinema in Shrewsbury.

"On the way back we decided to call into Lloyd's Fish and Chip shop in Baschurch," said Mr Hicks. "When I got home I could not find my wallet.

"I phoned around where had been, including the shop in Baschurch, but did not get a reply.

"Then, just after midnight the front door bell rang and it was the owner of the fish and chip shop. He had driven all round West Felton looking for my house with my wallet. He said he knew how he would feel if he lost his wallet. I can't thank him enough for what he's done and if in some way this brilliant act of kindness could be mentioned in the paper to let other people know there are still honest and very kind people about I'd be truly thankful."

Tramway route plan is on track

PROGRESS is being made on the refurbishment of a narrow gauge tramway.

Scottish Power donated cash to open up the Glyn Valley Tramway after the trust which looks after it announced plans to restore it as far as Chirk railway station.

Scottish Power/Manweb officially handed over the site to the Glyn Valley Tramway Trust.

David Cooper, a member of Glyn Valley Tramway Trust, said members were delighted with the work which has been done to allow them to move on with the restoration of the line.

Number of complaints about police decreasing

Report by Andrew Morris

COMPLAINTS against police in Mid Wales have fallen by almost a fifth in the last year.

Dyfed-Powys Police said complaints against the force were down 18 per cent year on year, but the number of appeals made by dissatisfied complainants was 99 – a nine per cent increase.

The force upheld 18 per cent of the complaints made against it and 15 per cent of its investigation appeals in the year 2014/15.

The force's police and crime commissioner Christopher Salmon said he works with members of the public to ensure the complaints process is satisfactory.

He said: "It is vital for the public that the police complaints process around England and Wales is simplified and made more transparent.

"I'm happy that, in Dyfed-Powys, our Public Service Bureau listens to public dissatisfaction and cuts through the bureaucracy to get quick responses.

"Our Residents Panel, meanwhile, sees volunteer members of the public scrutinise the complaints process and recommend improvements. It has already delivered strong results."

The total number of complaints for Dyfed-Powys Police was 268, the statistics showed.

The force investigated 52 per cent of cases and 15 per cent were dealt with through the local resolution process

The Independent Police Complaints Commission upheld eight of the nine complaints it looked at in Dyfed-Powys.

On average, it took 144 days for Dyfed-Powys Police to resolve a complaint.

Young Harry is a chip off the old block

Ten-year-old Harry Singh's family have opened a new chip shop and named it after him

FISH and chips are on the menu after a new takeaway was opened – by a 10-year-old schoolboy.

'Arry's Plaice, in Cabin Lane, Oswestry is the third chip shop to be opened in the town by Kulvir Singh and his family.

And the shop has been named after his son, 10-year-old Harry, who is a pupil at Woodside School. The opening was a family affair with Kulvir and his wife Jaswinder, and young Harry joined by Kulvir's father, Baldev Singh, the mayor of Dhandowal, India, and head of the town's college, who came over especially for the opening.

The Dhandowal mayor was pleased to meet Oswestry's mayor, Councillor Peter Cherrington, at the opening.

Councillor Cherrington said: "It was good to meet Mr Singh and hear about his town and his role as mayor.

"It was good that he could join his family for the opening of the family's third chippy in Oswestry."

Tributes are paid to well known town music star

AN Oswestry musician who saw his 1970s rock album changing hands for more than £100 a piece last month has died aged 64.

Barry Jones, formerly of Llwyn Fields, Oswestry, had been in poor health for many years, and died in his sleep at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on October 4.

Close friend Gareth Griffiths said there would be many people in Oswestry who remembered Mr Jones during his musical heyday.

He said: "There will be a great many people in the town and around the county who will remember Barry as he once was. I am so pleased we were able to bring him news in time of his old band's growing iconic status. He was amazed and delighted."

Before retiring, Mr Jones had worked at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital.

Mr Jones was a former student of Oswestry Boys Modern School, and Oswestry College of Further Education. Mr Jones's involvement in the music industry began when he worked on the graphics for the Beatles' film Yellow Submarine after he graduated in art in London.

He was the founder and vocalist of the band, La La Lapla, which released the album Seathrough in March 1979. All nine tracks on the record came from his pen except for one written by Ellesmere guitarist Bruce Drummond.

Other band members included keyboard player Colin Jarman, also from Oswestry, bassist Roger Gerrard and drummer Paul Houldey.

Copies of Seathrough are now regarded as highly collectible rarities and are regularly appearing online with prices soaring as high as £110.

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Issues of planning in the spotlight

A CHARTERED surveyor from Oswestry will meet housing minister Brandon Lewis in London to discuss ways to speed up the planning process.

Philip Meade has been invited to join other experts from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors to look at speeding up Section 106 agreements, often the stumbling block to development.

The talks will take place later this month.

Mr Meade, from Davis Meade Property Consultants in Oswestry, said: "These S106 agreements are private agreements made between local authorities and developers to make developments acceptable in planning terms.

"We want to see the use of alternative dispute resolution to help speed up negotiations over Section 106 agreements which are often the stumbling block to development."

Mr Mead is national chairman of the Royal Institute's Dispute Resolution Professional Group.

Speeding up housing development is a is a key element of the Chancellor's Productivity Plan announced in the Budget.

Comedy play to be performed

COMEDY play Big Bad Mouse by Philip King and Falkland Cary will be performed by Big Cigar Productions at the Marches School, Morda Road, Oswestry, on October 29 to 31.

Curtain-up is at 7.45pm and tickets, priced £7, and can be bought from Ann Sagar on (01691) 657903 or the Heritage Centre, which is situated in the grounds of at St Oswald's Parish Church, on (01691) 662753.

Heritage group on the right track for success

WE MEAN BUSINESS

THE Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrates Oswestry's enterprise. This week we celebrate Cambrian Heritage Railways.

Heritage railways are good for business – that's the message from an All Party Parliamentary Group and it's one that Cambrian Heritage Railways (CHR) strongly supports.

The group found heritage railways make a major contribution to attracting tourism and increasing spending on local services. It also found more scope for heritage lines to run public services and to connect to the national network. Oswestry was a "railway town" and the railway a major employer, but services were run down post-Beeching leaving no operational railway connection. CHR has restored train operations between Llynclys and Pant (three miles south of Oswestry), and at the restored Oswestry station, where there is also a museum and cafe. From Easter till September, passengers can board weekend trains at both sites and enjoy a growing number of special events in the Station area. Long term plans envisage a community railway between Gobowen and Oswestry, with a heritage operation onward to Pant.

Medium term, an extension from Oswestry south to Weston will provide a better visitor experience and link to other attractions in that area.Visit www.cambrianrailways.com for more details.

Cambrian Heritage Railways has restored train operations at Oswestry and between Llynclys and Pant

NEWS IN BRIEF

Organisations win top bloom prizes

A COMMUNITY-supported railway station and a well cared-for churchyard have scooped top awards.

The Friends of Chirk Station and St Mary's Churchyard Volunteer Group were both deemed outstanding in the RHS Wales in Bloom It's Your Neighbourhood Awards 2015.

Christine Ashford from the Friends of Chirk Station said she was delighted, as it was the third time the station had earned an outstanding award.

As the station has now won an outstanding award several times it is in the running for a National Certificate of Achievement in 2016.

These are presented at the award presentation ceremony and the judges will decide whether to give the award to the Friends.

The St Mary's Churchyard volunteers were awarded an outstanding in the It's Your Neighbourhood award, and the nearby Café Wylfa came second in the hotels, pubs and restaurants category for its frontage.

No fresh news on store proposal

BOSSES at retail giants Morrisons are remaining tight-lipped over what is happening with its planned new superstore in Oswestry.

The proposed store was due to be built as part of the £45 million Smithfield livestock market site regeneration.

The site was cleared last year to make space for the new development, which was also due to include a Cineworld cinema and various restaurants.

But it has remained fenced off since then with no sign of building work starting.

Neither Morrisons nor Cineworld will comment on the future of the site.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Businesses told of rate relief scheme

SHOPS and food and drink premises in Mid Wales are being urged to apply for a discount that could cut their business rates by up to £1,500 for this financial year.

The Wales Retail Relief Scheme will provide the discount to all qualifying retail premises with a rateable value of less than £50,000.

Grant funding of £848,000 has been made available to award to Powys retailers this financial year, and to date Powys County Council has awarded £550,000 to 450 Powys businesses, with a further £300,000 yet to be claimed.

To download an application form visit www.powys.gov.uk or for more information contact Powys County Council on (01597) 827463.

Sales slowdown is reported by firms

FEWER businesses in Mid Wales are reporting an increase in domestic sales – but business leaders say the economic picture remains bright.

The South and Mid Wales Chamber of Commerce said that only 30 per cent of businesses in the region have reported improving domestic sales, a decrease of 3.3 per cent on the second quarter of the year.

But Keith Palmer, chief executive officer of the chamber, said businesses in the region are still doing well.

He said: "The fact that there has been a slowdown in domestic sales indicates that there has been a slight deceleration in economic growth, but an increase in domestic and international order is hugely positive."

Tenants will have to pay new service charges

Report by Pam Kingsley

SERVICE charges are being introduced for council tenants across Wales from next year, Powys County Council has confirmed.

The introduction of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 requires local authorities to introduce service charges to tenants who receive additional services.

At the moment, the cost of managing and maintaining council housing is spread equally across all tenants but from April the council will have to separate some of these costs and charge them directly to the people who use the services.

Examples of additional services which will incur a service charge are cleaning, lighting and heating of communal areas, the maintenance and servicing of door entry systems and grounds maintenance to communal gardens.

The introduction of service charges will initially affect tenants and residents living in blocks of flats which contain communal areas, and occupiers of flats and bungalows designated for older people. Service charges will only be charged to the tenants who use them and some of the charges may be eligible for housing benefit. Cllr Darren Mayor, cabinet member for housing services, said: "We are working with our tenants to help make these charges fair and as affordable as possible. We are holding consultation events across Powys this autumn."

Appeal to trace young canoeists

The picture dating back to 1963 of the young canoeists

THESE youngsters were snapped about to head out on an Easter canoeing expedition along the River Severn more than 50 years ago.

But Powys County Council is hoping that someone will recognise the young canoeists and those standing safely on the bank as it makes plans to celebrate 50 years of youth work in the county.

Steve Jones, from the council's youth services team, said: "This photograph is of a trip organised by Welshpool Youth Centre in 1963. The canoeing expedition is known to have started on the Afon Garno in Caersws on Saturday, April 6, 1963, and ended in Welshpool on Monday, April 8. If you were on the trip, know those who were or have any other memories or photographers of youth club activities in the past, we would love to chat to you."

The service is also asking former youth leaders and club members throughout the county to get in touch with their memories, experiences or photographs.

Memories can be given to Mr Jones on (01686) 614055.

Council staff shortlisted for awards

EMPLOYEES of Powys County Council reached the finals of a UK local government awards scheme where they were shortlisted in three categories.

The teams were shortlisted for best service team of the year in the construction and building service, catering service and building cleaning and facilities management service categories in the Association of Public Service Excellence's Service Awards 2015.

It was the second time the council's building standards consultancy team has made the final having been shortlisted in 2013.

Cllr Stephen Hayes, cabinet member for property and assets, praised the staff and said: "I'd like to record my thanks to the staff within these teams for their hard work and dedication. It says a lot about these teams that, despite our shrinking budgets, their work is recognised as amongst the best in the UK."

The winning councils in each of the three categories were Wrexham County Borough Council, North Ayrshire Council and Stockport Homes, respectively.

Ramblers ready for another walk

HEATHER Smith will lead the Welshpool Ramblers on Sunday on an 'easy to moderate' grade circular walk of about eight miles.

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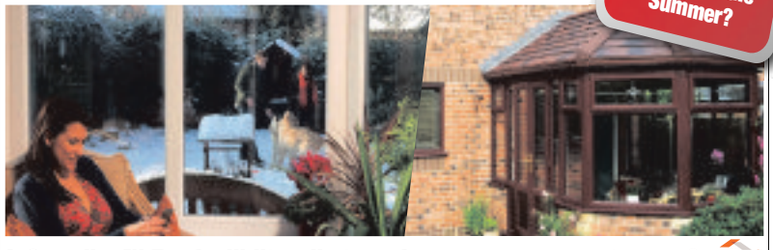

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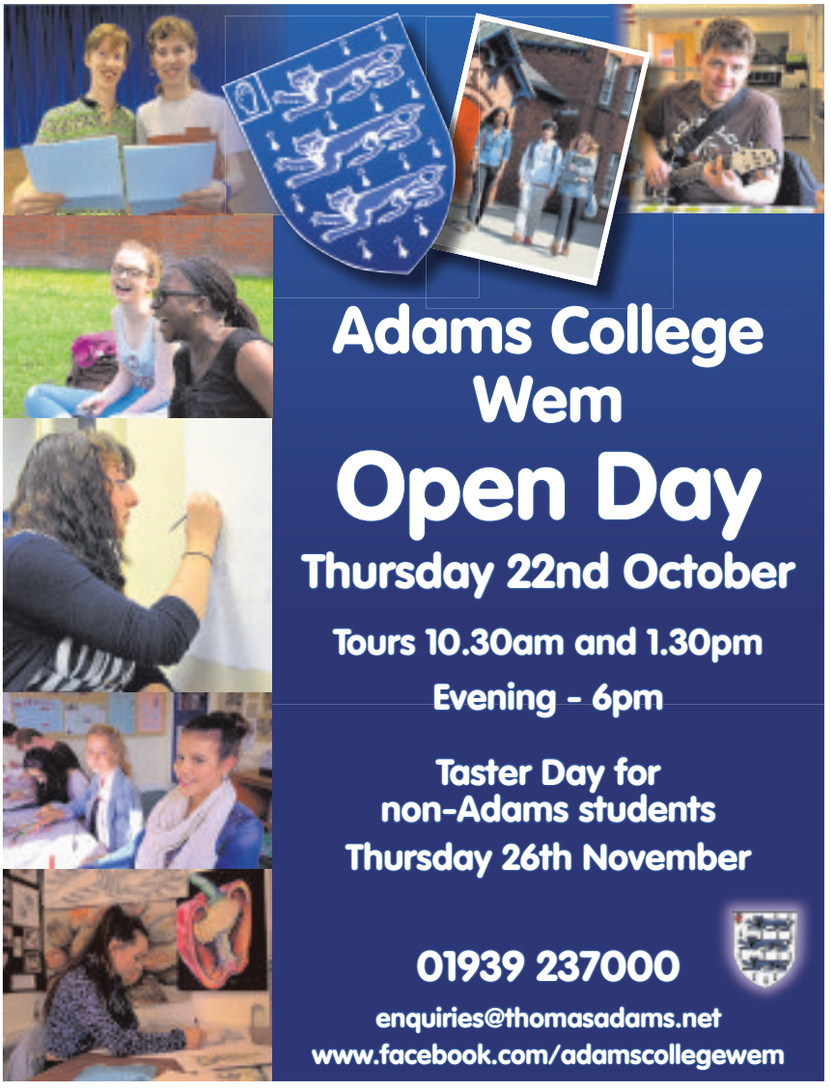

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Tree scheme to run again in town

TRADERS in Oswestry are being asked to think about bringing some festive spirit to the outside of their properties.

The Trader Christmas Tree Scheme saw many town centre businesses in Oswestry display an illuminated Christmas tree at their premises last year.

David Clough, Oswestry Town Council's events manager, said this year he would like even more people to join the scheme and make Oswestry an even more attractive and festive shopping experience.

The illuminated trees are approximately 3ft high and are mounted on brackets outside the businesses. The initial cost for the supply and installation of each tree is £150, subject to a power supply being available. This includes the tree itself, a set of 'twinkle' lights, the wall bracket and exterior socket.

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Vandals targeted family's vehicles

TWO vehicles belonging to the same family have been scratched by vandals.

Dyfed-Powys Police said a mobile home and a trailer were targeted in Llanerfyl, near Welshpool.

Pc Bob Beaman said: "Sometime between 5pm on October 4 and around 4am on October 5, deliberate damage has been caused to two different vehicles owned by the same family, in the village of Llanerfyl. A mobile home parked in Erw Deg and the trailer unit to a blue and white Foden Artic, parked in the central car park, were both extensively scratched."

Assembly 'should have had say on power bid'

Report by Andrew Morris

PLANS to build wind farms and pylons across Mid Wales should have been judged by the Welsh Assembly, the First Minister has claimed.

Carwyn Jones said he believes the Welsh Assembly should have had the final say on plans to build five wind farms and a power line across the region.

Last month, the Department of Energy and Climate Change dismissed appeals for planning permission for four wind farms in Llanbadarn Fynydd, Llaithddu, Llanbrynmair and Carnedd Wen and an overhead power line between Llandinam and Welshpool.

The move has given hope to campaigners that a 33-mile power line from Cefn Coch near Llanfair Caereinion and Lower Frankton near Oswestry will now not be needed to be built.

The line would have been needed to take the energy generated by the proposed wind farms to the national network.

Campaigners opposed to the power line, the majority of which would have been carried overhead on pylons, say the project would have damaged the tourism industry.

Speaking as he opened a new facility at Control Techniques in Newtown, Mr Jones said: "It is the UK government's decision and I leave it to them.

"I think it should have been a Welsh Assembly decision, but it was a matter for them and they went with what they wanted."

Mr Jones has been known to be a strong supporter of wind energy.

Trio's work goes on display at centre

Artists George and Frank Triggs with some of the art on display

A TRIO of local artists are the focus of a display at Oswestry's Exhibition Centre.

The exhibition features work from Oswestry artist Amanda Wells and sculptors Frank and George Triggs.

Father and son artists Frank and George Triggs are displaying project ideas, drawings, computer simulations and small works, using a variety of materials from cast bronze to plastics and carved wood.

Frank, who runs Woodforms from his smallholding at Gwern-y-Brenin, Oswestry, creates artwork out of wood, and has carried out carving for interior projects for high-profile clients including Eric Clapton, the Duke of Westminster and the Sultan of Brunei. Son George, who works from his studio in Oak Street, Oswestry, specialises in moulded plastics, bronze, resins, glass, wax and plaster.The current exhibition will run until October 31 and will be open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4.30pm. Admission is free.

Opera group to receive funding for three years

THE Mid Wales Opera company has received funding for the next three years.

The Caersws-based operatic group, which is now in its 26th year, was told it had secured funding after Arts Council Wales reviewed its portfolio of revenue-funded organisations.

The group has most recently produced Carmen and Acis & Galatea, and does outreach and community work with projects such as Noye's Fludde. Gareth Williams, chairman of the MWO board of trustees, said: "We're looking forward to working with a wide range of partners to take forward our exciting plans for the future. We are currently running a young artist programme, with six rising stars who are touring with Mid Wales Opera Chamber Orchestra to Brecon and Bangor this autumn, and will also lead a concert with Young Voices from schools around the Wrexham area. The young artists recently completed a week in Newtown, working with experienced professionals to produce a high-class concert at Theatr Hafren and also visited schools and care homes in the area."

Dai Smith, Arts Council Wales chairman, said: "These are challenging times, but we have identified an exciting portfolio of organisations from the international to the very local – organisations which celebrate the best of Wales on the world stage and those that work with local communities.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Surprise award given to council

OSWESTRY Town Council received a surprise award at a national conference.

The council received the accolade at the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) conference to recognise the 10 years of association between the organisation and the council. The authority provides administration, financial and event management for NABMA.

Tribute was paid to the involvement and support of Oswestry councillors and staff past and present over the years and the quality and standard of work that has been delivered.

Particular mention was made of former town mayor Councillor John Gareth Jones and his involvement since the start of the contract and winning it back in 2015. His role and involvement in NABMA were highlighted, including the fact that he remains as the only president of the association ever to be elected from a town council.

Graham Wilson, NABMA chief executive, plans to visit the town council soon to present the award formally.

Artistic Josie wins poster contest

A YOUNGSTER is celebrating after being named the winner in a poster competition.

Artistic Josie Lawson, aged eight, won the competition organised by Connecting Shropshire

Josie and fellow pupils at St Andrew's Church of England Primary School were asked to design a poster to celebrate the arrival of faster fibre broadband in Nesscliffe.

Her colourful design for fibre broadband, which she described as "fast as a flash of lightning", now adorns the new fibre broadband cabinet on the outskirts of the village.

Technology a problem for residents of village

Report by Pam Kingsley

POOR mobile phone signal and slow internet speeds have been highlighted as two of the things residents hate about living in a village near Oswestry.

The parish plan for Whittington was sent out by Whittington Parish Council to give councillors some ideas to work towards over the next 10 years.

The whole document is 110 pages long and is filled with comments from residents on their concerns, what they would like to see in the village over the next decade, and what they already like about the area.

Safety on the roads emerged as one of the main concerns for residents, with examples being cited including parking on pavements and on bends, HGV traffic, and missing footpaths. It was also noted that many children don't walk to the village primary school because of perceived safety concerns.

Other complaints included the amount of dog mess left on pavements, the increase in development and congestion in recent years, and a lack of parking in the village centre near the shop. But residents did say they like living in the countryside surroundings and that they appreciate the local school and the area's easy access to other parts of the country.

Jill Whitby, who compiled the results for the council, said: "Residents have asked for safer roads and pavements, a dedicated cycle route to Oswestry and a better bus service to Gobowen railway station, among other things. During the next few months the committee will be working through the report to formulate the parish plan for the next 10 years.

Water firm makes sports donation

Corbet School students Ben Dean and Gabbie Brown with Severn Trent's Jacqui Whitehead

CHILDREN in a Shropshire village are having a ball after a utilities company handed over £1,000 to buy basketball equipment.

Severn Trent has recently been carrying out work in the area, and as a way of thanking residents for their patience decided to donated money to enhance the local playing field.

Jacqui Whitehead, from Severn Trent, said: "We're really pleased that we can give something back to the community in Ruyton-XI-Towns.

"We understand that our work can be an inconvenience to local residents and we really appreciate everyone's patience and understanding while we were repairing water pipes in the area. We knew from speaking with the parish council that the local school was in need of a basketball hoop so we decided to donate £1,000 to buy the equipment. We like to help out where we can and we could see how the nearby Corbet School would benefit from the new apparatus."

Funding will put 40 more ambulances on the road

MORE than 40 new ambulances will take to the road in Wales following £6.5 million funding.

Welsh Assembly health minister Mark Drakeford said the investment would allow the service to buy 35 standard ambulances and six non-emergency patient transport vehicles to replace older models.

It has not yet been announced where the new ambulances will be stationed in the country.

Mr Drakeford said the new fleet will help cut running costs and reduce the number of vehicles needing repairs and maintenance.

The service already has more than 700 vehicles across the country.

Mr Drakeford said: "The demands on our ambulance service grow every year and we are determined to invest in the service to deliver the best service to our patients.

"This investment will support frontline operations by providing the latest vehicles and responds to increased numbers of emergency calls and a greater need to convey patients to hospital.

"We are continuing to invest in our ambulance service to ensure the fleet is made up of the most modern and reliable vehicles to meet the needs of the sick and injured in Wales."

It was claimed recently that the Wales Ambulance Service is in "desperate need of improvement" after only reaching 57.6 per cent of Category A emergencies in Powys in the eight minute target during July.

Across Wales, just 61.7 per cent of calls made it on time, below the 65 per cent target.

Kirsty Williams, leader of the Welsh Lib Dems and Brecon and Radnor AM, called on something to be done.

Body defends its opinions on plans for county hillforts

HISTORIC England has defended itself against claims of "double standards" after giving differing advice on two developments near historic hill forts.

Report by Pam Kingsley

The body had been asked to give opinion on applications for development near Old Oswestry hillfort and Caer Caradoc hillfort, near Church Stretton.

It objected to the development at Church Stretton, but while it initially objected to the Oswestry development, it later changed its view and gave its approval to the scheme.

Campaigners protesting against the inclusion of the Old Oswestry site in the SAMDev plans, which earmark sites for future development, claimed the decision was "double standards".

But Rosie Ryder, spokeswoman for Historic England, said its advice had been given after careful consideration of the settings of the hillforts.

She said: "We advised Shropshire Council that the proposed development site at Caer Caradoc would have an impact on the hillfort because it would be visible in longer views across the valley and visitors to the hillfort would see it as they approach on the path from the south. We recommended that the council should take those matters into account when it determines the application.

"The Iron Age Old Oswestry hillfort is a very important site of national significance and we have consistently expressed concern over proposed development sites near the hill fort.

"Following our objections, the proposals for two sites nearest to the hillfort were dropped from the council's plan, but a third site remains in the plan. Although we have negotiated a significant reduction in size of the planned land allocation at this site, we still have concerns about design and numbers of houses."

Homes could be built near Old Oswestry Hillfort, a well known landmark of historical importance

Library could be turned into community hub

GOBOWEN Library could get a new lease of life as a community hub.

Shropshire councillors for the village David Lloyd and Rob Macey say they have had detailed talks with a number of organisations over the future of the library on St Martins Road.

Councillor Lloyd said: "I am hopeful that, so long as there is a financial contribution from some of these organisations, the library will become a centre for the community."

The councillor said was due to speak to members of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council at a meeting last night (Wednesday).

One opportunity for grants could be the Three Parishes Big Local Lottery fund.

The fund has £1 million of lottery money to spend on projects to benefit the people of St Martins, Gobowen and Weston Rhyn.

"The Big Lottery is one avenue that we are exploring," Councillor Lloyd said.

Councillor Macey said: "We would like to see the library develop into a community hub so that it can enjoy a new lease of life.

"It could be used for a host of other things as well as a library."

The move comes as Shropshire Council's cabinet was due to vote on proposals for a fundamental shake-up in the library service in the county.

The cabinet was due to meet yesterday to discuss plans to hand 12 libraries, including the one in Gobowen, over to the community. The council has warned that the libraries must be taken over by community groups or face closure.

Pensioner banned from the road

A PENSIONER who failed to give a breathalyser test has been banned from the road for 12 months.

John Price had been pulled over by police in Llansantffraid, near Oswestry, after drinking "a couple of pints". He failed a roadside breath test but then could not give a sufficient sample to produce a reading at the police station, Welshpool Magistrates Court heard. Price, 67, of Vicarage Gardens, Bwlch y Cibau, appeared at the court on Tuesday, where he admitted a charge of failing to provide a specimen.

He was banned from driving for 12 months and fined £110. He was also ordered to pay £85 costs, a £150 criminal court charge and a £20 victim surcharge.

Helen Tench, prosecuting, said offices pulled Price over at 11.20pm on September 27.

She said: "The officers noticed a strong smell of alcohol and he was asked to provide a sample on the breathalyser, where he was found to be over the limit.

"The officers then took the defendant to Newtown Police Station where they asked him to take the test on the station machine and he didn't blow at all, failing to provide the specimen on three occasions he was offered it."

Ceri Edwards, for Price, said her client had been a man of previous good character and on that evenings had been to pay his electricity bill. She said: "He then decided to have a couple of pints and felt fine to drive and was then pulled over."

Arrest after crash

A MAN was arrested after an accident in which a car turned on to its side.

He was caught after a chase on foot near the scene of the crash near Oswestry.

No other vehicles were involved in the accident in Maesbury Marsh on Sunday night.

The car was severely damaged in the accident but the driver managed to get out of the vehicle.

The drama happened at around 8pm and the man was questioned by police.

Meanwhile, an accident involving a car and a motorbike closed the A458 High Street in Welshpool from around 8pm.

There were no serious injuries and the road was reopened after 30 minutes.

Get ready for fun and fireworks

Cambrian Heritage Railways put on popular Halloween train rides, offering fun for all the family

Prepare for spooky fun with Cambrian Heritage Railways

LIKE people all over the country, residents in the Oswestry and Welshpool areas love to celebrate traditional occasions.

This time of year there are many preparations being made around the region to celebrate Halloween and also Bonfire Night.

One of the many groups which stages a Halloween event is the Cambrian Heritage Railways organisation.

The group puts on spooky Halloween train rides from its Llynclys base.

Sure to entertain people of all ages, the scary rides have become an important event in the Cambrian Heritage Railways' calendar of activities.

Money raised from the event goes towards the railway group's plans to reopen rail links to Oswestry.

Other Halloween events will be held throughout the area as people celebrate the tradition.

Typical festive Halloween activities include trick-or-treating, attending costume parties, decorating and carving pumpkins, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, visiting haunted attractions, playing pranks, telling scary stories and watching horror films.

Bonfire Night is another popular tradition in the area. Towns throughout the area stage their own bonfire celebrations and many families enjoy attending, and looking to the skies for spectacular firework displays.

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Neil Jenkins from Twelve Green Bottles in Oswestry's Leg Street

Chamber of Commerce ambassadors Neil Jenkins, Tracey Austin and Iain St John

Tracey Austin from Hobo Floral Design in Leg Street, Oswestry

It's up to you, boss!

Neil Jenkins takes a look at some of his stock

Neil Jenkins and Tracey Austin are Oswestry Chamber of Commerce ambassadors for Leg Street in the town

Neil Jenkins enjoys being his own boss

Tracey Austin from Hobo Floral Design hard at work

Tracey Austin has run her business for nearly 22 years

THE Oswestry and Border Chronicle's We Mean Business campaign celebrates and champions local business. As well as our weekly We Mean Business campaign profiles which turn the focus on some of the area's leading firms, we are also running a series of special features. This week we look at the work involved in running your own business and focus on a new scheme aimed at helping the town's firms.

Ever wanted to be your own boss? Running your own business, being in charge of what you do every day sounds like a dream for many.

But make no mistake, it is very hard work.

If orders or work fail to come through the door, your business will soon hit trouble.

Small independent traders know the buck

WE MEAN BUSINESS

stops with them. If they fail to deliver, customers will soon start going elsewhere. Traders know that at the end of the day, they are pretty much responsible for everything about their business.

Tracey Austin of Hobo Floral Design in Oswestry's Leg Street says it is important to know your business inside out but also be ready to keep learning.

She has had her flower shop for nearly 22 years and says: "A lot of it is all down to hard work. There's stress, you are busy, but it is enjoyable. I have been doing it for a while but every day is still a learning curve."

Next door to Tracey's shop is Twelve Green Bottles, run by husband and wife team Neil and Mandy Jenkins. While Tracey has ran her business for over two decades, Neil and Mandy celebrated their business's first birthday last week.

The couple lived in Spain and decided to open up the wine shop on their return to the UK. Neil agrees that hard work is one of the keys to a successful independent business, while having a passion for what you do is also vital.

He said: "When we were deciding what we wanted to do, we decided it had to be wine. There are obvious rewards in having your own business. The biggest reward for me is that you are making your own decisions about what you do each day and how you are going to do it. You don't have a corporate businessman over you making those decisions. Of course your success relies on your abilities and the hard work you put in. It is hard work but it is also very rewarding."

Keeping in touch with other traders is a great way of learning what is going on in the business world both locally and regionally.

To help in that regard, Oswestry Chamber of Commerce has launched a new ambassador scheme to keep traders informed of its work and of wider business issues.

Chamber chairman Jools Payne was named as the group's first ambassador and will be responsible for keeping businesses in the Willow Street area informed of the organisation's work. Both Tracey and Neil have become chamber ambassadors. The pair will be keeping businesses in the Leg Street area informed of issues that matter to them. Other leading business people throughout the town have also been appointed chamber ambassadors.

Oswestry and Border Chronicle's associate editor Iain St John has also been appointed an ambassador for the work the newspaper is doing to promote the aims and objectives of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce in promoting the town.

Neil and Tracey said they were delighted to be chamber ambassadors.

Tracey said she thought of the ambassador idea after she felt she was not being informed of events which were happening in the local area which were of interest to business. She said: "The ambassador programme is a great way of getting information to businesses.

"We need to get those messages out there."

Neil, a member of Oswestry Chamber of Commerce's executive group, said: "The ambassador scheme will be helpful in making sure businesses know about the chamber and what is going on. It will allow us to raise issues with businesses and get feedback on things that affect them."

In a further move to boost the local economy Oswestry Chamber of Commerce has helped organise a business expo.

The Oswestry Vision event will take place at the Lion Quays Hotel and Spa near Oswestry on Thursday next week from 8am to 2pm. There will be visitors and exhibitors from a wide variety of business sectors. The event is aimed at allowing businesses to network and promote themselves and the key speaker will be Paul Forrest, head economist from the West Midlands Economic Forum.

Traditional turkey is still festive favourite

Roast turkey is a traditional festive meal and remains a favourite today

THERE'S nothing better than spending time with your loved ones over Christmas and New Year.

A festive meal out with family and friends has for many of us become something of a Christmas tradition.

We are lucky in the Oswestry and Welshpool area that we have a wide variety of excellent restaurants, bars and hotels to choose from when we are considering where to have a festive treat.

And these venues around the region offer a wide variety of food to choose from.

And while we can be tempted with exotic food from further afield, many of us still like to stick to traditional festive meals for our Christmas treats.

There is nothing more traditional than roast turkey.

Roast turkeys have been on Christmas dinner tables from as early as the days of Edward VII, but became more much more popular from the 1950s.

Since then the traditional turkey has become the number one choice in the UK for Christmas Day.

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JINGLE BELL
Light citrus orange mousse with a zesty lemon filling, set on a lemon cookie. Served with vanilla flavoured ice cream
NOEL CRUMBLE (V)
Golden almond sponge layered with Bramley apples enriched with treacle, topped with a crunchy crumble. Served with custard
* Festive grazer is available when two people order this dish to share. Not available as a single person dish.

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A variety of products are available so you can take care of your hair using skincare principles

Ojon damage reverse restorative hair serum, available from lookfantastic.com

A good hair day on your big day

THERE is something magical about an autumn wedding.

But with an endless list of things to think about, answering the question about what sort of hairstyle a bride should choose is never easy.

Finding the answer is a bit easier though if you have a healthy head of hair.

From BB creams and cleansers to serums and moisturisers, the next generation of hair products use skincare principles to create hair styling solutions.

"Cleanse, tone, moisturise" has been the undisputed skincare mantra for decades, but have you ever thought of applying the same principles to your hair?

The latest wave of tress treatments and styling products are urging us to do just that.

"Hair and skin have very similar properties, which can be treated and maintained to look healthy and youthful through a proven regime," says Derry Moody, director of education at Revolution Hair Concepts.

Get ready to revamp your hair regime ahead of the big day with some skin-inspired hair helpers.

For example Ojon damage reverse restorative hair serum is a lightweight formula containing a blend of natural shine-enhancing oils, best used on dry hair.

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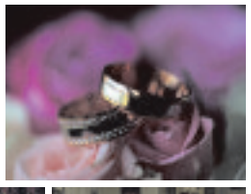

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Property

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Stunning property sits on the edge of village

The Chase at Trefonen near Oswestry is a spacious modern family home on the edge of the village.

Built in 1999 by the current owner, it is a timber framed property offering 4,136 sq ft of accommodation with an outlook over the stream to the adjoining fields. It is on the market with a guide price of £750,000.

The accommodation on the ground floor is flexible and is currently used as a drawing room, study, dining room, hallway, sitting room, kitchen, separate WC and utility.

On the first floor there are five bedrooms and three bathrooms. The main bedroom has an en suite bathroom and walk-in wardrobe.

Accessed from the man landing is a large snooker room suitable for a full sized table which could be used as further bedrooms or alternative accommodation. Outside there is a large landscaped garden with a stream running through it. There is a patio on the south side of the house and ample parking in the yard where there is a timber range of loose boxes. There are also two paddocks totalling two acres of permanent pasture.

For further information contact Balfours on 01743 353511 or visit www.balfours.co.uk

Spacious village property is an excellent family home

An excellent four bedroomed spacious family house, 8 Sycamore Close, St Martins, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £199,950. The property backs onto open countryside. It is on a corner plot. Accommodation comprises two reception rooms, a breakfast kitchen, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, bathroom and ensuite. There is a large garage, parking and private rear garden and patio. Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212 for more details.

Village development's show home opening this weekend

Pickstock Homes' sought-after housing development in St Martins will officially open its show home doors this weekend. The show home, a four-bedroom property called Torridge, will be revealed on Saturday and Sunday, between 11am and 4pm.

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Former school is now a stunning home

The Old School in Nesscliffe is a former school dating back to 1753 which now has spacious and flexible accommodation with original features.

The property offers potential for small business use, subject to the necessary consents, such as a B&B or shared accommodation, or the large schoolroom could be used as an office/small business.

It has previously been used as a B&B, an art gallery and craft centre and a home office. It is for sale through Woodhead Estates at £359,950. For further information contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044.

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Country house has many original features

The Laurels, at Wern, Pool Quay near Welshpool, is a highly desirable four bedroomed detached country house. It is on the market through Norman Lloyd with offers in the region of £429,950. The property offers accommodation of character with original features throughout.

It has most attractive manicured cottage gardens and grounds and adjoining pasture land extending in total to in excess of four acres. From the property views can be appreciated from every angle across the grounds to the distant hills beyond. For more information contact Norman Lloyd on 01938 552371.

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- Three Bedrooms
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- Central Heating & D/Glazing
- 2 Good Sized Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- 3 Beds
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- GFCH & PVC D/G
- Kitchen
- Sitting Room
- Living Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front And Rear Gardens
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GUIDE PRICE £100,000

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- Three Bed. Semi-Det. House
- GFCH & UPVC D/G
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- En-Suite And Bathroom
- Parking
- Rear Garden And Patio
- Walking Distance Of Village Amenities
- EPC Band - C

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- Study-Bedroom 5, 4 1st floor Bedrooms (master en-suite) & Family Bathroom
- Large established and private gardens with large decked seating area
- Ample off road parking and integral garage
- uPVC double glazing, Gas C.H and has recently been rewired

NEW

Cae Gwynn Close
Morda **£190,000**

- Superbly appointed 4 Bedroom Detached House
- The property has been maintained to the highest of standard
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Cloakroom, Conservatory
- 4 Bedrooms (master en-suite) and Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden with patio, Driveway parking and garage
- Gas fired central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating C

NEW

overton road
st martins **£209,950**

- Spacious Detached Bungalow set in the popular village of St Martins
- Entrance Hall/Sun Room, Reception Hall, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Room, Cloakroom, Lounge/Dining Room, Conservatory
- 2 Bedrooms, Bedroom 3/Dining Room and Bathroom.
- Enclosed private rear garden, driveway parking and garage
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D
- NO CHAIN

NEW

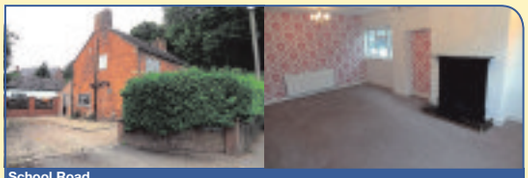
The Meads
Weston Rhyn **£119,970**

- A spacious 3 Bedroom End-of-Terrace House
- Situated in a pleasant cul-de-sac location
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, large Conservatory, Kitchen/Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms and Shower Room
- Good size rear garden with views over open farmland, driveway & garage
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating D

NEW PRICE

Church Lane
St Martins **£184,995**

- A spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow located in a quiet residential area
- Large plot with front, side and rear gardens, single garage & parking
- Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room
- 3 Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- The property is in need of modernisation throughout
- Has the potential to be a wonderful family home.
- Electric heating and timber D/G. EPC Rating D. NO CHAIN



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- An excellent period family home extending to 4 bedrooms
- The property has been tastefully extended and renovated
- Entrance Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Utility
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- Sold subject to a Full 1986 Agricultural
- Suitable for variety of arable/fodder crops
- Contact Ellesmere Office

LOT 3 AUCTION
Cross Lanes WREXHAM
Guide Price £75,000 - £85,000

- 24.26 acres (9.82 ha) of agricultural land.
- Sold subject to a Full 1986 Agricultural Holdings Act Tenancy.
- Suitable for variety of arable/fodder crops.
- Contact Ellesmere Office

LOT 4 AUCTION
Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £105,000 - £115,000

- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached property
- Currently let on Assured Tenancy at rent of £445 pcm.
- EPC Rating - Band 'C'
- Contact Wrexham Office

LOT 5 AUCTION
Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £95,000 - £105,000

- 2 Bed End Terrace property
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £415 pcm
- EPC Rating - Band 'D'
- Contact Wrexham Office

LOT 6 AUCTION
Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £95,000 - £105,000

- 2 Bedroom Terraced property
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £450 pcm
- EPC Rating - Band 'C'
- Contact Wrexham Office

LOT 7 AUCTION
Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £95,000 - £105,000

- 2 Bedroom Terraced property.
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £450 pcm
- EPC Band 'D'
- Contact Wrexham Office

LOT 8 AUCTION
Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £100,000 - £110,000

- 3 Bedroom Terraced property.
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £495 pcm.
- EPC Rating - Band 'D'
- Contact Wrexham Office

LOT 9 AUCTION
Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £100,000 - £110,000

- 3 Bedroom Terraced property.
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £525 pcm.
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- Contact Wrexham Office

LOT 10 AUCTION
Marchwiel WREXHAM
Guide Price £100,000 - £110,000

- 3 Bedroom Terraced property
- Currently let on Assured Shorthold Tenancy at rent of £505 pcm
- EPC Rating - Band 'D'
- Contact Wrexham Office

LOT 11 AUCTION
Marchwiel WREXHAM
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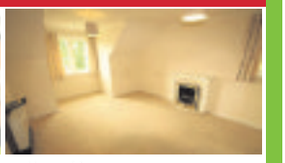

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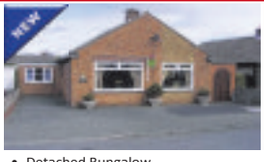

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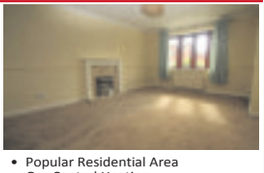

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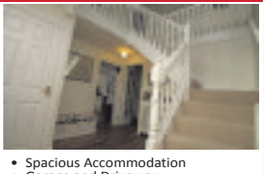

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Family home has range of farm buildings

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Lovely home sits on the edge of village

Rectory Coach House and Cottage in Threadneedle Street, West Felton includes a four-bedroomed converted coach house and self-contained detached two-bedroomed stone cottage. It is for sale through Halls Estate Agents at £645,000. Having a recently built triple garage and front and rear gardens the main building is set around an attractive cobbled courtyard. The property, which is full of character, is situated in a quiet and mature area on the edge of the village of West Felton. For further information contact Halls Estate Agents on 01691 670320 or visit www.hallsgb.com

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Extended detached house available in popular village

An extended detached house, 18 Peverel Drive in Whittington is on the market with Morris Marshall & Poole for £255,000.

The property has four bedrooms, two of which are en-suite. Other accommodation includes lounge, dining room, living kitchen, utility area, cloakroom and office/snug. The property benefits from gas-fired central heating and double glazing. There are good sized gardens to side and rear and there is a large timber built vehicle/fuel store. Contact Morris Marshall & Poole on 01691 679595 for more details.

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House in walking distance of town centre

An attractive Victorian end terraced house, 6 Coney Green, Oswestry, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £120,000.

The property is within walking distance of the town's shopping centre.

There is no chain. The home benefits from gas fired central heating and PVC double glazing. Accommodation comprises an entrance hall, sitting room, living room, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

There are front and rear gardens. For more details contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

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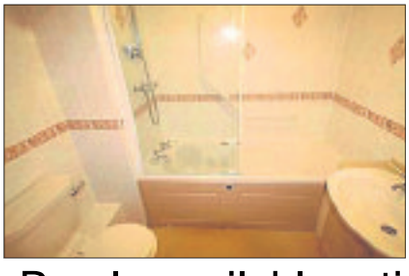

Rarely available retirement apartment on market

Rarely available, 59 Abraham Court is a two bedroom retirement apartment within walking distance of Oswestry. It is on the market through Town & Country for £119,000. This apartment is located on the second floor and comprises entrance hall, living room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Residents must be over the age of 60 years. The house manager can be contacted from various points in each apartment in the case of an emergency. For periods when the house manager is off duty there is a 24 hour emergency Careline system. Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631 for details.

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County's resident lizards are still out and about

MASONRY and stonework sometimes does, and sometimes doesn't, go hand in hand with wildlife.

There is much made of trying to build eco homes and buildings that remain true and faithful to the natural environment and then of course there's the ugly tower blocks and soaring skyscrapers that can claim to do nothing of the sort.

For me, there's no shelter half as good as blending in with the landscape, visually and metaphorically, than a tent – and it was one of these I had just packed away into my rucksack as I began exploring the ancient rainforest of the Guatemalan border region.

And talk about stonework!

The forest was alive not just with wildlife, but with Mayan ruins too.

The trees and creepers had almost completely reclaimed the architecture and for once the buildings that I found standing before me, looked utterly beautiful.

What made them more appealing were the guardians of the old temples, the giant black iguanas.

These huge lizards with their muscular bodies and black and white tails patrolled the stones, lazed on the ground and in the trees and generally swaggered about the place.

I was desperate for a closer look, but they were very difficult to catch; impossible in fact for me.

After a hot and sweaty day, I put my tent up in a clearing just as the sun disappeared over the rainforest and walked, by torch-

ON THE WILDSIDE

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light to join my two friends at a small camp fire and 'bush-kitchen'.

On the way I managed to drop the torch. It clattered to the ground and went dead.

No amount of cajoling would tempt it back to life and I continued with the rather dim glow from my mobile phone screen.

Halfway to the fire I noticed something 'run' across the path in front of me. All I could make out was a black and white 'tail' and hoping it was a young iguana that had spent the day eluding me, I grabbed it gently but firmly and brought my light source a little closer.

The 'tail', it turned out, had no end.

It was a snake and I had misinterpreted the light and dark markings of the now-familiar iguanas, for the bands of the highly venomous coral snake. To say I quickly let it go again is an understatement and I was lucky not to be bitten. I made sure to borrow a proper torch as soon as dinner was over.

We may not have any coral snakes or black iguanas here in Shropshire but even in October, you can still spot our resident lizards.

Viviparous lizards are reasonably well-named. They give birth to live young, which is an adaptation to a cool climate, but interestingly some southern populations are oviparous and lay eggs. The difference isn't

Even in October, you can still spot our resident lizards here in Shropshire

quite as big as you may think. When the young are born, they are surrounded by egg membrane, from which they break free after about a day. This is not a true egg, but it's not a million miles away from the idea. Intriguingly, individuals from viviparous and oviparous populations may be hybridised, but with significant embryonic malformation. Perhaps a northern sub species will be named in the future because of this difficulty in hybridisation?

Look for our common lizard species on warm days this month and again in spring on the heaths and lowland bogs of the county.

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Figures reveal the use of air weapons in crime

AIR pistols, ball-bearing and pellet guns were used in 142 crimes in the West Mercia Police area over the past three years, it has been revealed.

They resulted in injuries to 53 members of the public over the same period according to the figures.

There were a total of 41 crimes committed during the 12 months up until April, causing 18 injuries.

The figures are lower than for the neighbouring West Midlands force, however, where there were a total of 524 offences over the past three years, causing a total of 160 injuries.

West Mercia Police spokeswoman Sarah-Jane Lynch said: "Over the past three years, there have been a number of incidents involving ball-bearing guns and other air weapons, including several incidents in which people have been injured.

"Any air weapon which discharges a certain level of power, is classed as a 'lethal barrelled weapon' therefore dependant on the type and velocity of the BB gun they may or not be prohibited.

"We will continue to investigate, all incidents where someone has been injured by an air weapon, and act accordingly dependant on the type of weapon."

The West Mercia figures show a gradual fall in the number of offences over the past three years.

In 2012/13 there were a total of 56 offences, 37 involving air weapons and 19 involving ball-bearing guns.

The following year, the number of crimes fell to 45, with 27 involving air weapons and 18 involving ball-bearing guns. Last year there were 30 crimes involving air weapons, and 11 involving ball-bearing guns.

The number of injuries has been relatively steady over the same period, with 18 being injured in 2012/13, 17 in 2013/14, and 18 in 2014/15.

No West Mercia Police officers have been injured over the past three years, but over the boundary in Staffordshire PC Jon King was shot by a gas-powered gun in Rugeley last year.

Under present legislation, the weapons cannot be sold to children under the age of 18.

However, anyone aged 14 or over is allowed to fire one, unsupervised, on private land, with the owner's permission.

Only the most powerful air weapons require a firearms certificate.

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Cinema listings

THE WALK (PG)

On balance, it's great – 8/10

Robert Zemeckis dramatises Philippe Petit's incredible walk along a wire strung between the two towers of the World Trade Center on August 7, 1974. Harnessing state-of-the-art digital trickery, Zemeckis places us on that wire with the French daredevil and induces a palpable, stomach-churning sense of vertigo as Petit walks across the divide, 400 metres above the street.

MACBETH (15)

Superb – 10/10

Michael Fassbender and Marion Cotillard play Macbeth and his wife in this gripping re-telling of Shakespeare's classic play. In one of the film's most harrowing scenes, Macbeth orders the execution of Lady MacDuff (Elizabeth Debicki) and her children so that no one stands in the way of his destiny.

THE MARTIAN (12A)

Red peril – 9/10

A storm on Mars means the crew of the Ares 3 have to evacuate but as they race to leave, botanist Mark Watney is hit by debris and is wrongly assumed to have been killed. Alone, Mark has to work out how to stay alive while back on Earth NASA bosses have to cut corners to try and rescue him before his supplies run out. 3D is used to to dazzling effect in action sequences.

THE INTERN (12A)

Job done – 7/10

Ben Whittaker (Robert De Niro) is struggling to get to grips with the gentle ebb and flow of life following the death of his wife. To keep his mind active, Ben applies for a senior citizen internship at a flourishing Brooklyn-based company founded by workaholic, Jules Ostin (Anne Hathaway). When Jules' position as CEO comes under threat, Ben provides emotional support.

William's circus treat

Report by Lucy Todman

A four-year-old boy was head of the queue when the circus rolled in to Shrewsbury.

William Thomas from Morda near Oswestry, was just one of thousands of disabled children around the UK getting the chance to see Circus Starr's world-class acts in a relaxed Big Top atmosphere this year.

William has Muscular Dystrophy and Global Development Delay, which means he has poor muscle control.

Despite this, he is very active and needs constant supervision.

And the trip was the first time William and his brother and sister had been to the circus.

Mum Lisa was looking forward to enjoying the show, as a family. She and her partner received their tickets through Circus Starr's partnership with Newlife Foundation, the UK's largest charity funder of specialist equipment for children with disabilities and terminal illness. Newlife is currently working with the family to provide a specialist car harness so William can travel in safety. As a result, there will be more family fun days out as his parents no longer have to worry about him climbing out of his car seat.

Newlife Foundation volunteers joined the circus audiences, with their collecting cans, to raise money to help continue the charity's vital work with families in Shropshire.

Lisa said: "We were all looking forward to having a fun night out. It is the first time William, his seven-year-old brother – who also has Muscular Dystrophy – and nine-year-old sister had been to a circus, so it was a great shared family experience."

William Thomas with his family and stars of the circus in Shrewsbury

Ringmaster Robert Price introduced acclaimed Mexican clown Chico Rico, The Kenyan Warriors, balancing act Las Chicas Morales and aerial acrobats the Serik Brothers, Romy Bauer and Victoria Antipova. Circus Starr is a touring circus boasting world-class, professional artists from across the globe. It was first founded in 1987 to help raise much needed funds for local charities whilst providing free seats for thousands of disadvantaged, disabled or vulnerable children.

It is a not-for-profit organisation which exists to support local businesses and local children's charities through a 75 venue tour hosted three times a year.

Book reviews

MAKING TRACKS

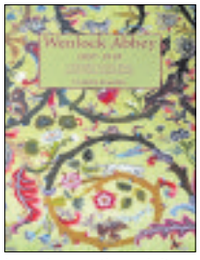
By Peter Saxton
Published by Michael O'Mara Books

Billed as a whistle-stop tour of railway history, this is a journey that will give you the basics about the development of the railways worldwide and some of the pioneers who created them. Saxton keeps things concise and well written, so although it's 180 pages, you can get through it all in one sitting. For those who are interested or curious, but are not hardened railway buffs, it is an excellent overview and Saxton includes various offbeat facts. Railway disasters, railways in art and film, some of the big railway crimes, and railway workers who have won the George Cross for their heroism are all on the varied menu. There are maps, photographs and diagrams.

By John Mountford

WENLOCK ABBEY 1857-1919

By Cynthia Gamble
Published by Ellingham Press



Think of Wenlock Abbey, and you will think of a building, but Dr Cynthia Gamble does a great job in this book in bringing it to life as a place of people, a social and cultural hub which was a magnet for famous writers and artists over many years. It was the home of the Milnes Gaskell family, who rescued the abbey from ruin, embarked on sensitive restoration, and delved into its past. The period spanned by the book is for the most part that of Charles Milnes Gaskell and his wife Lady Catherine and a real find has been the visitors book, which records the large number of people who would come. Letters and memorabilia re woven into a very human story.

By Florence Mona Procter

THE GIRL WHO COULDN'T READ

By John Harding
Published by the Borough Press

From beginning to end this is a spine-tingling page turner with a devious twist. Set in a chilly New England winter in the 1890s, a man calling himself Doctor John Shepherd arrives at an isolated women's mental hospital. With a dark and turbulent past, Shepherd finds the asylum has plenty of its own secrets too – in particular a strange amnesiac female patient called Jane Dove. Shepherd's fascination with Jane's kind nature develops into friendship. As their futures become intertwined, what appears to be a flourishing romance ends with a gruesome finale.

This is a punchy read with a strong cast of characters, interlinked with clear scene setting.

By Maria Bagnall

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Entertainment

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Sha'ori Morris as Eanflaed. Photo by Kamera Obskura

Oswald became the first English king to be made a saint

Legend of Oswald is recounted in movie

IT is a film anchored in the legend of the king who gave the name to Oswestry – and it is set to star at the glamorous Cannes Film Festival.

Whiteblade is a short film based on the early life of Anglo-Saxon King and Saint Oswald, who has links to Oswestry.

The film follows his adventures as he comes out of exile to claim the kingdom of Northumbria, years before he died in a battle in Shropshire.

While residents of Oswestry have been aware of the town's namesake for centuries, the film's creator, Mark Hindman-Smith, said he wanted to bring it to a wider audience.

He said: "Oswald was a real historical figure, invading his homeland of Northumbria in order to take it back from the tyrant, Cadwallon, having been exiled since he was a young boy.

"The film gives a snapshot of this journey from exile to king, culminating in the historic battle of Heavenfield and shows his ruthless determination to succeed.

"The series will tell the tale in more detail and carry on to tell of Oswald's other achievements – the bringing of Christianity to Northumbria, rebuilding of York Minster, founding of Lindisfarne and the expansion of his Kingdom to gain the titles of King in the North and eventually King of Briton.

"Oswald's death and the legend surrounding it is shrouded in miracles and early Christian 'magic'.

"His achievements are highlighted by the fact that he is the first English saint, even though he reigned for only eight years."

The name Oswestry is thought to be a corruption of 'Oswald's Tree'.

Legend has it that Oswald fought a great battle against the pagan King Penda of Mercia.

Oswald was defeated and killed in the battle, and Penda, as a warning to others who might challenge his rule, dismembered Oswald's body and hung his limbs on the branches of a tree – hence the name

SPECIAL REPORT

By Pam Kingsley

'Oswalds Tree'. The legend then tells that one of his arms was carried to an ash tree by a raven, and miracles were subsequently attributed to the tree.

An eagle swooped down and flew off with another part of his body, which it dropped, and a spring of water bubbled up from the spot.

The spring, just off Maserfield Road, is now known as Oswald's Well.

Mr Hindman-Smith plays the role of King Oswald as well as writing and directing the film.

He said: "I was determined that the story of this amazing seventh century king should be brought to the public's attention in an entertaining way.

Reality

"I'm really excited that the film is now a reality.

"Writing the story has been extremely enjoyable, the character is fascinating to play and the battle and fight scenes are the largest and most ambitious to ever be attempted on a project this size, employing over 300 battle crew and involving stunts in waterfalls, multiple weapons and opponents and a never before attempted shield-wall jump."

The film also stars Anthony Webster as King Penda of Mercia and Sha'ori Morris, who lives near Shrewsbury, as Eanflaed, Princess of Kent, who was kidnapped by Penda and later went on to be Queen of Northumbria and founded Whitby Abbey.

Filming wrapped on September 30 and the shots are now being edited with a view to the finished film being shown at the Cannes Film Festival next May. Mr Hindman-Smith said: "The short will be shown at festivals and pitched at large production companies with the view to obtaining a budget to make a series, following the whole life of this amazing, real life historical figure, spiced up with a little filmic fantasy."

Mark Hindman-Smith plays the role of King Oswald

Huge interest ahead of driver Webber's visit to town

ABOUT 300 tickets for a visit by former Formula One driver Mark Webber to Shropshire were snapped up in the space of six days.

Organisers behind the Australian racer's visit to Oswestry have said they are "blown away" by the response from the public.

Webber, who narrowly missed out on the 2010 world championship title to Red Bull teammate Sebastian Vettel before he quit for sportscar racing at the end of 2013, will visit the town on November 11.

The event has been organised by staff at Booka Bookshop on Church Street.

The visit by the famous driver will see Webber share stories about his career and sign copies of his new autobiography.

It will be held in the hall of The Marches School in Oswestry, which has a capacity of 300.

All the tickets have already been snapped up, organisers have said.

Tim Morris, owner of Booka Bookshop, said: "We've been blown away by the response for tickets.

"We're sorry if you missed out, but we are taking orders for signed copies of Mark's book.

"We're absolutely thrilled to be welcoming a household name in Formula One to Oswestry.

"In terms of sportsmen he's one of the biggest names we've had.

"We're delighted to book the event.

"He's not doing that many events, so we're particularly pleased he's coming to Oswestry. He's got a story to tell in terms of his time in Formula One and his battle with Sebastian Vettel. He did win nine Grand Prix so in terms of being a Formula One star he is definitely up there. Getting his take on current and past events I think will be fascinating, as well as his insight into what it's like to compete at such a high level."

Debut

Webber made his debut in the sport in 2002, scoring back-of-the-grid Minardi's first points in three years. He went on to take his first win with Red Bull at the German Grand Prix in 2009. The following year went head-to-head with Red Bull team mate Sebastian Vettel for the World Championship. Since retiring from Formula One, Webber has concentrated on endurance racing. He has been competing in the FIA World Endurance Championship with Porsche.

● **Photo – Mark Webber, right, chats to Red Bull teammate Sebastian Vettel during his Formula One racing days**

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- **Wednesday 16th:** (Boxing Day) Enjoy a day excursion to the historic city of York. Our visit coincides with the York St. Nicholas Fayre, one of the most popular Christmas markets in the UK. This evening there will be a visit from Santa during dinner which is followed by live entertainment.
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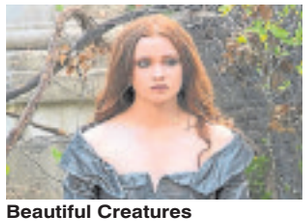
Match of the Day
10.30pm
Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool at White Hart Lane and Everton v Manchester United at Goodison Park. Plus, action from Chelsea v Aston Villa and Crystal Palace v West Ham United.

Gardeners' World
7pm
In the latest of her films about botany, Carol Klein explores how leaves harness the sun's energy and turn it into food. Plus, actor Griff Rhys Jones offers Joe Swift a private tour of his garden and reveals what a passionate horticulturalist he is. Presented by Monty Don.

The Jonathan Ross Show
10.15pm

New series. The host returns to welcome another batch of guests, including Vin Diesel, star of the upcoming movie The Last Witch Hunter, and Olympic and world champion Jessica Ennis-Hill, who will be discussing her plans to defend her heptathlon at Rio 2016.



Beautiful Creatures
6.45pm
Premiere. A teenager falls in love with a new girl in his school, only to discover she is a witch. As dark secrets from her family's past emerge, they discover that on her 16th birthday, she will be required to choose a side in a conflict between good and evil. Fantasy, starring Alden Ehrenreich.

Football League Tonight
9pm
Kelly Cates and George Riley present highlights of the weekend's top matches from the Championship, League One and League Two, including Birmingham City v Queens Park Rangers, Leeds United v Brighton & Hove Albion, Coventry City v Blackpool and Leyton Orient v Oxford United.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** James Martin is joined by chefs Ramael Scully and Yotam Ottolenghi, with wine choices selected by expert Olly Smith, and Alesha Dixon faces her food heaven or food hell.
11.30 **James Martin: Home Comforts.** A glimpse of the chef off duty at home in his own kitchen. (R)
12.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
12.10 **Football Focus.** Dan Walker reviews the week's action and headlines.
12.50 **Saturday Sportsday.** A look ahead at the day's events.
1.00 **World Amateur Boxing Championships.** Ore Oduba presents highlights from the 2015 staging of the biennial competition, which was held at the Ali Bin Hamad Al Attiya Arena in Doha, Qatar.
2.30 **Bargain Hunt.** Two sets of teams are challenged to pick up bargains at an antiques fair at Gloucester Docks, and presenter Tim Wonnacott visits Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire. (R)
3.30 **Escape to the Country.** Searching for a property in north Wales. (R)
4.00 **Final Score.** A round-up of this afternoon's results from the Premier League, Football League and Scotland.
5.20 **BBC News.**
5.30 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
5.40 **Pointless Celebrities.** Edition focusing on the subject of history, with Kate Williams, Adam Hart-Davis, Janina Ramirez, Andrew Graham-Dixon, Ben Willbond, Laurence Rickard, Lars Tharp and Tim Wonnacott.
6.30 **Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present another ballroom battle as the pro-celebrity couples bid to impress the judges and get their names at the top of the leaderboard.
8.20 **Doctor Who.** Part one of two. The Time Lord and Clara are captured by Vikings and must help protect their village from space warriors from the future. Guest starring Maisie Williams.
9.10 **Casualty.** Love conquers all for a young couple, while Charlie is on hand to help a father and daughter deal with their grief. Hospital drama, starring William Beck and Lee Mead.
10.00 **The National Lottery Live.** The all-important winning numbers, including the Lotto and Thunderball draws, are revealed, with special guest Michael Bolton pushing the Lotto button.
10.10 **BBC News;** Weather.
10.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool at White Hart Lane and Everton v Manchester United at Goodison Park; **National Lottery Update.**
12.00 **The Apprentice.** Alan Sugar begins another search for a business partner, challenging a new group of candidates to sell two fish-based products to hungry Londoners. (R)
1.00 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.05 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.20 FILM: **War and Peace (1956).** Historical drama, starring Audrey Hepburn.
9.40 FILM: **The Lavender Hill Mob (1951).** Ealing comedy, starring Alec Guinness.
11.00 **Animal SOS.** (R)
11.30 **Animal SOS.** (R)
12.00 **James Martin: Home Comforts.** A glimpse of the chef off duty at home in his own kitchen. (R)
12.30 **The Great British Bake Off – Masterclass.** Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry give baking tutorials. (R)
1.30 **Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip.** The duo stroll down an arcade famous for its food shops in Tunbridge Wells. (R)
2.00 **Harvest 2015.** Celebrating British farming. (R)
3.00 **Harvest 2015.** Focusing on Scotland and the North of England. (R)
4.00 **Harvest 2015.** Including a visit to Europe's largest mushroom farm. Last in the series. (R)
5.00 **Earth's Wildest Waters: The Big Fish.** International angling challenge, with Ben Fogle. (R)
6.00 **Flog It!** Charlie Ross and Tracy Martin examine a Chinese snuff bottle and a miniature grandfather clock at Oxford's Sheldonian Theatre. (R)
7.00 **Gardeners' World.** Actor Griff Rhys Jones offers Joe Swift a private tour of his garden and Carol Klein explores how leaves harness the sun's energy and turn it into food. (R)
7.30 **Great Continental Railway Journeys.** Armed with his trusty 1913 Bradshaw's Continental Railway Guide, Michael Portillo travels from Sofia to Istanbul along part of the route taken by the Orient Express. (R)
8.30 **Dad's Army.** Frazer is asked to look after the platoon's Lewis gun, but finds himself in hot water when he misplaces the spring – and fears it is has been left inside a coffin. (R)
9.00 **QI XL.** Stephen Fry hosts an extended version of the quiz with a difference, with guests Matt Lucas, Lucy Porter and Ross Noble joining regular panellist Alan Davies.
9.45 **Cradle to Grave.** Fred starts work as a commissionaire, only to come into conflict with the boss, and Danny is mistaken for David Essex's brother, something he happily exploits to impress the girls. (R)
10.15 **Cradle to Grave.** Sharon's wedding causes old memories to resurface for Bet and Fred, taking the couple back to their courtship in 1949. Peter Kay and Lucy Speed star. Last in the series. (R)
10.45 FILM: **Drive (2011).** A stuntman-turned-getaway driver tries to protect a criminal's family, only to get drawn into a conflict with the Mafia. Crime drama, starring Ryan Gosling and Carey Mulligan.
12.20 FILM: **La Vie en Rose (2007).** Biopic of singer Edith Piaf, examining her affair with boxer Marcel Cerdan and descent into morphine addiction after a car accident. With Marion Cotillard and Gerard Depardieu.
2.30 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Bottom Knocker Street **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Signed Stories: Share a Story **6.50** Sooty **7.05** Fish Hooks **7.25** Adventure Time **7.45** Marvel Avengers Assemble **8.15** Horrid Henry **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go **9.00** Jessie
9.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (R)
10.20 **Countrywise.** Paul Heiney visits an 81-year-old farmer with no plans to retire. (R)
10.45 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.55 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)
11.55 **Downton Abbey.** An old friend returns in unexpected circumstances, Baxter is faced with a dilemma and Thomas struggles to fill Carson's shoes. A crisis takes Anna and Mary to London. (R)
1.00 **The X Factor.** The Six Chair Challenge continues, as the judges each choose six acts to take a coveted place in the live shows – but are able to change their minds at any point in the show. (R)
3.00 **Rugby World Cup.** South Africa v Wales (Kick-off 4.00pm). Coverage of the opening quarter-final, as the winners of Pool B face the runners-up from Pool A at Twickenham. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
6.15 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.25 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **James Bond's Spectre – With Jonathan Ross.** Exclusive interviews with the cast and crew of the new 007 blockbuster, including Daniel Craig and the latest Bond villain, Christoph Waltz.
7.30 **Rugby World Cup.** New Zealand v France (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the second quarter-final, as the winners of Pool C face the runners-up from Pool D at Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
10.15 **The Jonathan Ross Show.** New series. The host welcomes another batch of celebrity guests, starting with Vin Diesel, Jessica Ennis-Hill, Harry Enfield and Paul Whitehouse, while Tom Jones provides the music.
11.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.35 **Rugby World Cup Highlights.** South Africa v Wales and New Zealand v France. Action from the first and second quarter-finals, which took place at Twickenham and Millennium Stadium respectively.
12.35 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Show Me the Telly.** Chris Tarrant, Ricky Tomlinson and Nicky Campbell try to outsmart members of the public at TV trivia to win the £3,000 prize. (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**

Channel 4

6.15 **How I Met Your Mother.** Marshall and Lily elope. (R)
6.40 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Marie tries to make her family look good. (R)
7.05 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Debra relinquishes some of her power. (R)
7.30 **Hever Castle Triathlon.** Action from the event held in Kent.
8.00 **The Morning Line.** With Nick Luck, Frankie Dettori and Silvestre de Sousa.
9.00 **Frasier.** The shrink tackles a bully. (R)
9.30 **Frasier.** Part one of two. Daphne's mother comes to stay. (R)
10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** Howard is asked to throw the first pitch at a baseball game.
10.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** The guys consider investing in the comic-book shop.
10.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** The girls go on a weekend trip to Las Vegas.
11.25 **The Simpsons.** Homer wins a role on The Itchy & Scratchy Show. (R)
11.55 **The Simpsons.** Lisa wins a trip to Washington. (R)
12.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage of British Champions Day at Ascot.
4.00 **Channel 4 News.**
4.15 **Come Dine with Me.** Business manager Alison Bennett hosts the first dinner party in Glasgow. (R)
4.50 **Come Dine with Me.** Butcher Graeme Curley hosts the second night in Glasgow. (R)
5.20 **Come Dine with Me.** Hairdresser Michelle Blackett hosts the third evening in Glasgow. (R)
5.50 **Come Dine with Me.** The fourth dinner party in Glasgow. (R)
6.20 **Come Dine with Me.** Yvonne Finlayson hosts the final night of the cooking competition in Glasgow, offering her guests a combination of high-octane entertainment and scintillating chat. (R)
6.45 FILM: **Beautiful Creatures (2013).** Premiere. A teenager falls in love with a girl, only to discover she is a witch and must soon choose a side in a magical conflict. Fantasy, with Alden Ehrenreich and Alice Englert.
9.00 **It Was Alright in the 1990s.** Matt Lucas narrates another look back at TV shows from past decades, with this edition focusing on the time of Cool Britannia and programmes such as The Word.
10.00 **Gogglebox.** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (R)
11.00 **TFI Friday.** Chris Evans presents a brand new run of the lively entertainment show, with guests Take That, Steve Coogan, Slaves and Saoirse Ronan. (R)
12.05 FILM: **Scary Movie 2 (2001).** Spoof horror sequel, starring Anna Faris.
1.40 **Alan Carr: Chatty Man.** With guests Take That and Steve Coogan. (R)
2.35 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus. Sienna and Nico decide to bury the ring. (R)
4.45 **Location, Location, Location.** (R)
5.40 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** (R)
5.45 **Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites.** (R)
5.55 **1001 Things You Should Know.** (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.35** Pip Ahoy! **6.45** Tickety Toc **6.55** Chloe's Closet **7.10** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.15** Make Way for Noddy **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.45** Little Princess **8.00** Wanda and the Alien **8.15** Zack and Quack **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.45** Jelly Jamm **9.05** LazyTown **9.30** Dora and Friends
10.00 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.**
10.35 **Access.**
10.45 **Cowboy Builders.** Helping homeowners let down by unreliable workmen. (R)
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1.45 FILM: **Columbo Likes the Nightlife (2003).** Detective drama, starring Peter Falk.
3.30 FILM: **Columbo: A Bird in the Hand (1992).** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Tyne Daly.
5.20 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** A retired couple's dispute over the building of an 8ft boundary wall. (R)
6.15 **Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops.** Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, unwise acts and failed attempts of misplaced ambition, including a motorcycle crashing into a church and a bungled shop robbery.
6.35 **Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops.** Comedy clip show featuring pranks gone wrong, including gravity taking its toll on a succession of the unwary and a ferry crashing into a jetty.
7.00 **Now That's Funny!** A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring some dating do's and don'ts and a selection of kitchen nightmares.
8.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** Two agents get caught up in a dispute between a landlord and a tenant who refuses to move out, while on the south coast, debt collection from a Turkish restaurant gets complicated. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Football League Tonight.** Kelly Cates and George Riley present highlights of the weekend's top matches from the Championship, League One and League Two, including Birmingham City v Queens Park Rangers.
10.30 **20 Moments That Rocked the 00s.** Lauren Laverne presents a countdown of some of the most memorable moments from the decade, featuring a look at world-changing news stories and entertainment headlines.
11.55 **The Best of Bad TV.** The series charting TV gaffes continues with a look at 2000s, a decade which brought the rise of the reality star and dubious game show formats. (R)
1.10 **The Gadget Show.** (R)
2.00 **SuperCasino.**
4.00 **Witch Hunt: A Century of Murder.** (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.15 **Make It Big.** (R)
5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)
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From Darkness
9pm
Claire flees to the Western Isles after a direct threat to her life, and is convinced she is being watched. Norrie feels her presence endangers their daughter, and insists she return to Manchester to finish things once and for all. John comes under pressure to crack the case before his misconduct review.

Earth's Wildest Waters: The Big Fish
8pm
Ben Fogle takes the contestants to Cuba, where they must endure tropical heat and violent storms. They face three challenges - catching bonefish on salt flats, going out into the Bay of Pigs using tyre tube boats and trying to catch giant tarpon on the Atlantic coast.

The X Factor
7pm
Caroline Flack and Olly Murs present the final stage of the six chair challenge, featuring contestants from the Overs category. Judges Simon Cowell, Rita Ora, Nick Grimshaw and Cheryl Fernandez-Versini must each select six performers to go through to the live shows.

Homeland
9pm
Carrie and During visit a refugee camp. Quinn tries to stay focused on the mission, while Saul and Allison are at odds with each other. Thriller following a team of CIA agents battling terrorists, starring Claire Danes Mandy Patinkin, Sebastian Koch, Miranda Otto and Rupert Friend.

Centurion
9pm
Premiere. A Roman legion is sent on a mission to crush a Pictish uprising, only to be nearly wiped out in a savage ambush. A centurion who survives the massacre takes charge of the survivors and leads them on a daring mission to rescue their captured general and make it back to their own territory alive.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
7.30 **Match of the Day.** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Tottenham Hotspur v Liverpool at White Hart Lane and Everton v Manchester United. (R)
9.00 **The Andrew Marr Show.**
10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Sian Williams presents a topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00 **Sunday Politics.** The week's events at Westminster, presented by Andrew Neil. Including a regional round-up.
12.15 **Bargain Hunt.** Searching for antiques in Hungerford, Berkshire. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Featuring properties in Birmingham, west London and Fife.
2.00 **Escape to the Country.** A look back at two property searches in Shropshire. (R)
3.00 **Eat Well for Less?** Gregg and Chris help a Hertfordshire family stuck in their ways. (R)
4.00 **Points of View.** Viewers' comments.
4.15 **Songs of Praise.** Celebrating 70 years of Thomas the Tank Engine.
4.50 **DIY SOS: Homes for Veterans.** Transforming a street of properties for veterans. (R)
5.50 **BBC News.**
6.10 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.15 **Countryfile Autumn Special.** The team report on the impact of autumn on rural life, with Ellie Harrison visiting woodlands in Perthshire and Matt Baker assessing the changing face of the UK's apple industry. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
7.15 **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman introduce the results of last night's public vote, as two couples face a dance-off to remain in the competition. Plus, music from Will Young.
8.00 **Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce presents from Plymouth's Royal William Yard, where finds include a flask of naval rum, a book of garden designs and a ceremonial wooden spoon from Cambridge University.
9.00 **From Darkness.** Claire goes into hiding in the Western Isles after her life is threatened, and feels she is being watched. John comes under pressure to crack the case before his misconduct review.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **Match of the Day 2.** Mark Chapman presents action from the day's sole Premier League match, which saw Newcastle United welcome Norwich City to St James' Park.
11.15 **The Apprentice.** The contestants are summoned to the Barbican Conservatory, where Alan Sugar tells them their next task is to create a new brand of shampoo and a marketing campaign. (R)
12.15 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
12.20 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 **Homes Under the Hammer.** (R)
6.45 **The Big Allotment Challenge.** (R)
7.45 **Countryfile.** (R)
8.45 **Gardeners' World.** (R)
9.15 **The Beechgrove Garden.**
9.45 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.**
11.15 **The Great British Bake Off – Masterclass.** (R)
12.15 **MOTD2 Extra.** With Eilidh Barbour and the Match of the Day team.
1.00 **Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip.** (R)
1.30 **John Huston: Talking Pictures.**
2.10 FILM: **The Man Who Would Be King (1975).** Period adventure, starring Sean Connery and Michael Caine.
4.15 **The Railway: Keeping Britain on Track.** The challenges staff face during the summer at Leeds station. (R)
5.15 **Flog It!** (R)
6.00 **Don't Panic – The Truth About Population.** Hans Rosling gives a statistical analysis of global population numbers. (R)
7.00 **Trawlermen Special: The Prawn Wars.** Dougie Vipond follows the creelers, trawlers and scallop dredgers who have to battle to make a living on Scotland's West Coast. Postponed from 7th October.
8.00 **Earth's Wildest Waters: The Big Fish.** Ben Fogle takes the seven remaining contestants to Cuba, where they must fish in the Bay of Pigs using local tyre tube boats and go in search of giant tarpon on the Atlantic coast.
9.00 **Britain's Ultimate Pilots: Inside the RAF.** The flyers attend the UK's largest air show, where the Red Arrows struggle to cope with the weather and a group of pilots reenact a Second World War 18-plane launch.
10.00 **Family Guy.** Peter is upset when his friends make fun of him, so seeks the company of a group of women. However, Lois warns him that they are probably talking about him behind his back.
10.20 **Family Guy.** Peter and Lois send Chris to space camp to boost his self-esteem, but when his stint ends and the Griffins arrive to pick him up, they are accidentally launched into space.
10.45 **Family Guy.** Brian writes a play that becomes a hit in Quahog, but loses his confidence when he finds that Stewie is also a budding playwright and is better at it.
11.05 **Top Coppers.** A string of disappearances are connected to a medical research lab, but when Mahogany investigates, he is injected with a lethal serum that leaves him with 24 hours to live.
11.35 FILM: **8 Minutes Idle (2012).** Premiere. A lazy call centre employee is forced to secretly live in the office when his parents throw him out of the family home. Comedy, starring Tom Hughes and Antonia Thomas.
12.55 FILM: **Corridors of Blood (1958).** Gothic horror, starring Boris Karloff and Christopher Lee.
2.20 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** (R)
3.20 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)
4.20 **This Is BBC2.**

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Bottom Knocker Street **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street **6.20** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Signed Stories: Share a Story **6.50** Sooty **7.05** Fish Hooks **7.25** Matt Hatter Chronicles **7.45** Marvel Avengers Assemble **8.15** Horrid Henry **8.30** Thunderbirds Are Go **9.00** Horrible Science
9.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica investigates a famous artist's death. (R)
10.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** The host takes his successful talk show stateside. (R)
11.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
11.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** Guests air their differences. (R)
12.25 **Rugby World Cup.** Ireland v Argentina (Kick-off 1.00pm).
3.15 **Rugby World Cup.** Australia v Scotland (Kick-off 4.00pm). Coverage of the fourth quarter-final, as the winners of Pool A face the runners-up from Pool B at Twickenham. Subsequent programmes are subject to change.
6.15 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.20 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **You've Been Framed!** Featuring a bride dealing with language difficulties, a woman getting run over by a fire engine, a dog that shoots a video with a smartphone, and a surprise inside an egg. (R)
7.00 **The X Factor.** The six chair challenge comes to a climax, as each judge must decide on the final six acts to go through to the live shows. Presented by Caroline Flack and Olly Murs.
9.00 **Downton Abbey.** Neville Chamberlain visits Downton and is drawn into Violet's plan to save the hospital. Mary thinks secrets are being kept from her, and Andy finds an unexpected confidante.
10.00 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.15 **Rugby World Cup Highlights.** Ireland v Argentina and Australia v Scotland. Action from the third and fourth quarter-finals, which took place at Millennium Stadium and Twickenham respectively.
11.15 **Premiership Rugby Union.** Mark Durden-Smith presents action from the opening round of fixtures, which included Newcastle Falcons v Gloucester, Saracens v Sale Sharks and London Irish v Leicester Tigers.
12.15 **Perspectives: Rick Wakeman on Vivaldi's Four Seasons.** The prog rock keyboardist explores the story of the famous classical piece, finding out why it disappeared into obscurity for more than 200 years after the composer's death. (R)
1.20 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Motorsport UK.** Highlights of the MSA Formula Championship and the Ginetta GT4 Supercup from Rockingham. Commentary by Richard John Neil.
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences. (R)

Channel 4

6.20 **How I Met Your Mother.** Robin refuses to go to the mall. (R)
6.45 **How I Met Your Mother.** Barney's brother James visits. (R)
7.10 **How I Met Your Mother.** Ted and Lily have an argument. (R)
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** A snowstorm traps Ray and Debra. (R)
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Ray's competitive streak takes over. (R)
8.30 **Frasier.** Part two of two. The shrink throws Simon out. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** A teenage radio host lampoons Frasier. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With music from 5 Seconds of Summer.
12.30 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon arranges his first-ever date. (R)
12.55 **The Big Bang Theory.** Sheldon tries to extend his lifespan. (R)
1.25 FILM: **Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011).** Family adventure, starring Jessica Alba.
3.05 FILM: **A Knight's Tale (2001).** Medieval comedy adventure, starring Heath Ledger.
5.40 **A Place in the Sun.** Newlyweds look for a property on the island of Tobago in the Caribbean.
6.40 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Homes by the Sea.** Architectural designer Charlie Luxton examines seaside properties on the Channel Islands, including Victor Hugo's old windmill home on Guernsey, and a converted church on Jersey.
8.00 **China: Treasures of the Jade Empire.** A look at the relics found in the tombs of China's Han Dynasty, an era of history that defined the country's cultural identity and rivalled the Roman empire for international power.
9.00 **Homeland.** Carrie and During visit a refugee camp, while Saul and Allison are at odds with each other. Thriller following a team of CIA agents battling terrorists, starring Claire Danes.
10.00 **Experimental.** Tim builds a vacuum-powered climbing kit and challenges Buddy to scale a theatre. The duo also examine G-Forces by attaching a moped to a children's roundabout. Last in the series.
11.05 FILM: **Haywire (2011).** A mercenary working for the US government is betrayed by one of her employers and goes in search of revenge. Action thriller, with Gina Carano, Ewan McGregor and Michael Fassbender.
12.45 FILM: **Metro Manila (2013).** Crime drama, starring Jake Macapagal.
2.45 **Come Dine with Me.** Nick Cann hosts the first of four dinner parties in Belfast. (R)
3.10 **Come Dine with Me.** Burlesque performer Nikki Fisher hosts the second party in Belfast. (R)
3.40 **Come Dine with Me.** Cage fighter Donal Kelly throws the third party in Belfast. (R)
4.10 **Come Dine with Me.** (R)
4.35 **Food Unwrapped.** (R)
5.00 **Location, Location, Location.** A Surrey couple whose house is set to be demolished. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 **Milkshake!:** Peppa Pig **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas **6.20** Angelina Ballerina **6.35** Pip Ahoy! **6.45** Tickety Toc **6.55** Chloe's Closet **7.10** Roobarb and Custard Too **7.15** Make Way for Noddy **7.30** Paw Patrol **7.50** Little Princess **8.05** Wanda and the Alien **8.20** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
8.35 **Football League Tonight.** Highlights and all the goals from the Championship, League One and League Two. (R)
10.00 **The Great Birmingham Run.** Coverage of the half-marathon.
12.05 FILM: **Mannequin (1987).** Fantasy comedy, starring Andrew McCarthy.
1.50 FILM: **Did You Hear about the Morgans? (2009).** Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Sarah Jessica Parker.
3.55 FILM: **Seabiscuit (2003).** Fact-based horse racing drama, with Tobey Maguire.
6.35 **5 News Weekend.**
6.40 FILM: **The Fifth Element (1997).** A 23rd-century New York cab driver protects a mysterious woman destined to save the world from destruction. Sci-fi adventure, starring Bruce Willis, Gary Oldman and Milla Jovovich. Edited for language, nudity and sexual content.
9.00 FILM: **Centurion (2010).** Premiere. A Roman centurion leads his men to rescue his captured general after his legion is wiped out by Pictish rebels. Action thriller, with Michael Fassbender and Dominic West.
11.00 FILM: **Conan the Barbarian (2011).** A warrior seeks revenge on the warlord who killed his father, and tries to stop him magically making himself all-powerful. Fantasy adventure, with Jason Momoa and Stephen Lang.
12.55 **SuperCasino.** Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.10 **Britain's Flashiest Families.** Featuring a multimillionaire who has dubbed himself "Britain's Flashiest Playboy", and a woman who spends tens of thousands of pounds on Rolex watches for her children. (R)
4.00 **House Doctor.** Ann Maurice applies her home improvement remedies to a house in Spennymoor, Co Durham, for the purpose of finding a buyer as soon as possible. (R)
4.25 **Make It Big.** Graham reluctantly takes Simon on a visit to a radio station to plug the charity auction, while Keren voices her objections to the proposed venue. (R)
4.50 **Make It Big.** The children are delighted to land their first celebrity booking, but success is marred by more punishments from HQ. (R)
5.15 **Make It Big.** With only seven working days left until the charity auction, the team is under intense pressure to sell tickets. (R)
5.45 **Angels of Jarm.** Wendy is scared of Fatima's mum. (R)
5.50 **Angels of Jarm.** (R)

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Elizabeth Rogers-Leggatt serving beers at the festival

Alan Walker, Dud Smith, May Smith and Hanne Walker at the beer festival

Jeanette and Jasmine Kirkham enjoy the beer festival

Cheers to success

Report by Wayne Beese

NEARLY 200 people turned out to sample real ales, ciders and fine wines at the Oswestry Beer Festival over the weekend.

Organisers had been worried about a possible low turn-out after only selling 12 tickets in advance of the event, which took place on Friday and Saturday at Oswestry Cricket Club.

But swarms of people keen to try out a few drinks paid on the door to make the beer festival such a roaring success it will now become an annual event.

As well as the usual selections of real ale and cider, for the first time this year there was a pop-up wine bar provided by Twelve Green Bottles, a local wine shop in Oswestry's Leg Street.

Cricket club manager Hugh Roberts said he was pleased with how the beer festival went.

He said: "The two evenings were fantastic.

"We couldn't have asked for it to have gone any better really.

"We only sold 12 tickets so we didn't really know what to expect, so to have 170 people turn out was unbelievable really.

"The wine bar was a really great addition and was packed on both nights."

"We didn't run a beer festival last year but this one went so well it will now be an annual event, so we are delighted," Mr Roberts added.

The festival was run in association with Oswestry website The Best Of Oswestry and local brewers, Stonehouse Brewery. All proceeds will go towards the junior and disability cricket sections of the club.

All food proceeds, as supplied by Hartshorns, will go to the Lingen Davies Cancer Relief Fund.

Pete Corfield and Steve Humphries sample drinks at the Oswestry Beer Festival

Nearly 200 people attended the beer festival at Oswestry Cricket Club

Wayne Ryan, Andy Hall and Jason Harris raise a glass to the festival's success

Rose Ryan serves up a treat at Oswestry Beer Festival

Geoff Goodbody and Alan and Alicia Crompton have a tasty treat

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

deaths

DAY

Marjorie May

Of Collegefields, Shrewsbury. Passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, aged 78 years. Beloved Wife of John, loving and devoted Mum of the late Elaine and a much loved Sister of Mary and the late Maise.

Majorie was one of the first ladies to be admitted as a Freeman of the Borough of Shrewsbury and also for many years at Furrows.

She will be sadly missed by all her loving Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place at the Cemetery Chapel, Longden Road, Shrewsbury on Friday, October 16, at 12.45pm, followed by a private Interment.

It would be appreciated if no black were worn.

Family flowers only please, however your very kind donations will support the work of the Severn Hospice.

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MUIR

Neil David

Of The Mount. Beloved Partner of Val, cherished Mentor to Bethan and Neil, dear Cousin of Sally and Christopher and much loved by all his Friends and Neighbours. Passed away peacefully on October 7, 2015, At the Severn Hospice, aged 78 years.

Funeral Service will be held at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Wednesday, October 28, at 3.15pm.

Family flowers only, however all kind donations will support the work of the Severn Hospice.

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THOMAS

Michael John

(Mike)

Of Radbrook. Beloved Husband of Jean and a loving and much loved Dad, Grandad and Great-Grandad, for many years of Furrows. It is with regret that we announce the death, in hospital, unexpectedly, though after a long illness borne with courage and dignity.

He will be remembered as a loyal, gentleman.

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WILSON-PARTON

Ellalene

Of Shrewsbury. Passed away peacefully at The Uplands Nursing Home on October 5, 2015.

A full Requiem Mass will take place at St Mary the Virgin Church, St Mary's Street, Shrewsbury, (where Ellalene and her Family worshiped for many years), on Monday, October 19, at 11 o'clock, followed by a private Committal.

There will be a collection during the Service, the proceeds of which will support The Friends of St Mary's Church Funds.

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It comes with a 350hp 2.3-litre turbocharged petrol engine and has four-wheel drive to make sure all of the power can be used safely. There are also different drive modes to allow the driver to tailor the car to the conditions or his preferences, including a drift mode inspired by Ford's Rally X racer Ken Block.

The new Focus RS is the 30th car to wear the RS badge and is one of 12 new performance models Ford has planned between now and 2020. Deliveries to customers will begin in early 2016 and the Focus RS is available to order now.

Ford sees the Focus RS's rivals as the Audi RS3 and Mercedes A45 AMG. Jurgen Gagstatter, chief programme engineer for the Focus RS, said: "The all-new Focus RS delivers stunning performance that will make our customers and premium car makers look twice.

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2008 58	**NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCi ACENTA.** Manual, Metallic Blue, 62,000 miles, FSH	£6,999
2009 09	**PEUGEOT 207 1.4** 3-door, Metallic Blue, 61,000 miles	£3,999
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2011 61	**VW GOLF 2.0 GTi** 3-door, Red, One Owner, 36,000 miles, Alloy Wheels, FSH	£15,999
2009 59	**VW GOLF 1.4S** 3-door. Manual, Metallic Silver, 55,000 miles, FSH	£6,499
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2011 11 FORD FOCUS ST 3-door Manual. Bright Orange, 38,000 miles, FSH **£14,499**

2012 62 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.8 DESIGN Manual, Bright Red, 1 Owner, 7 Seats, 29,000 miles **£8,999**

2012 12 RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCi DYNAMIQUE. Tom Tom, Manual, Metallic Blue, 25,000 miles, FSH **£8,499**

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Dealer Deposit Contribution	**£1,869.51**
BMW UK Deposit Contribution	**£650.00**
Total Deposit	**£5,518.51**
On the road cash Price	**£22,285.00**
Amount of Credit	**£16,766.49**
Rate of Interest (Fixed)	**5.90%**
Credit Arrangement fee	**£0.00**
Credit Completion Fee	**£0.00**
Option to Purchase Fee	**£1.00**
Optional Final Payment	**£9,496.13**
Total Amount Payable	**£22,788.13**
Excess Mileage Charge (Per Mile)	**6.14**
APR	**5.90%**

BMW 320d M Sport Manual

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Term of Agreement	**48**
Annual Mileage	**8000**
Customer Deposit	**£2,999.00**
Dealer Deposit Contribution	**£2,397.25**
BMW UK Deposit Contribution	**£3,500.00**
Total Deposit	**£8,896.25**
On the road cash Price	**£32,085.00**
Amount of Credit	**£23,188.75**
Rate of Interest (Fixed)	**5.90%**
Credit Arrangement fee	**£0.00**
Credit Completion Fee	**£0.00**
Option to Purchase Fee	**£1.00**
Optional Final Payment	**£11,754.98**
Total Amount Payable	**£36,114.23**
Excess Mileage Charge (Per Mile)	**9.19**
APR	**5.90%**

BMW 520d M Sport Saloon Manual

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Term of Agreement	**48**
Annual Mileage	**8000**
Customer Deposit	**£2,999.00**
Dealer Deposit Contribution	**£3,162.81**
BMW UK Deposit Contribution	**£4,000.00**
Total Deposit	**£10,161.81**
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Amount of Credit	**£25,003.19**
Rate of Interest (Fixed)	**5.90%**
Credit Arrangement fee	**£0.00**
Credit Completion Fee	**£0.00**
Option to Purchase Fee	**£1.00**
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Ford total vehicle sales exceeded 70,000 in September as it recorded its all-time best-ever month for commercial vehicle (CV) sales with 16,526 registrations.

In 50th year as UK CV sales leader, Ford outsells nearest CV rival by two to one.

Andy Barratt, Ford of Britain chairman and managing director, said: "Vehicle sales are boosted in September due to the number plate change, and in combination with March sales account for a third of the UK annual total.

"Ford's best-ever car and CV ranges have contributed to Ford sales for March and September combined exceeding 150,000.

"Ford's long-standing UK market leadership – 38 years for cars, 49 years for CVs – is being strengthened through continued investment in exciting products and industry-leading technologies.

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2006 06	**FORD MONDEO 1.8 ZETEC AUTO,** IN GREY, 87,000 MILES	£2,495
2007 57	**PEUGEOT 207 GT** 3-DR. IN RED, PAN ROOF, 56,000 MILES	£4,250
2006 06	**LANDROVER FREELANDER TD4 AUTO,** IN SILVER, LEATHER TRIM, A/C, ALLOYS	£4,995
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2004 54	**MERCEDEZ S CLAS 320D AUTO** SAT NAV, MET BLUE	£4,495
2003 03	**TOYOTA MR2 1.8** IN MET BLUE, ALLOYS, 93,000 MILES	£2,495
2012 12	**VW PASSAT 20 TDI** IN WHITE, 30,000 MILES	£10,995
2011 61	**VAUXHALL CORSA 1.3 TDI VAN** IN SILVER, 70,000 MILES	£3,995
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On the Edge in AWD SUV

The stylish and sophisticated Ford Edge large SUV will be offered in Europe with a choice of 180PS 2.0-litre TDCi diesel engine with six-speed manual transmission, or 210 PS bi-turbo 2.0-litre TDCi diesel with six-speed PowerShift automatic transmission. Both powertrains will deliver up to 78.4mpg fuel efficiency and 149g/km CO2 supported by Auto-Start-Stop technology.

The Edge also will feature Ford's Intelligent All-Wheel Drive (AWD) technology as standard, delivering a seamless transition between front-wheel drive and all-wheel drive performance to provide a more secure footing on the road especially in slippery conditions.

All-new Edge will offer new Ford technologies, including Adaptive Steering, which automatically optimises the steering response according to vehicle speed, making it easy to manoeuvre at low speeds, while remaining precise and intuitive at higher speeds; and Front Split View Camera, which makes restricted visibility junctions or parking spaces easier to negotiate.

Edge will introduce segment-first Pre-Collision Assist with Pedestrian Detection; a camera- and radar-based system that operates at speeds from 5mph to over 100mph to detect vehicles and people in the road ahead.

The system can automatically apply the brakes if a potential collision is detected and the driver does not respond to warnings.

Ford anticipates a five-star safety rating from independent crash test authority Euro NCAP.

Ford's 'Active Weekend'

So, you've been thinking about an all-wheeled vehicle as your next car but not sure how it will actually feel and how it will perform?

The Furrows Group has the answer as it is offering a 'Ford Active Weekend' where you can drive the model of your choice and find out first hand all you need to know about these remarkable vehicles. What is more, you will also get an additional £750 contribution towards any All-Wheel Drive vehicle in the Ford range.

All you need to do is visit your local Furrows Group dealership this weekend and you'll find there's no substitute for witnessing first hand what an All-Wheel Drive Ford really feels like.

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Ranger 4x4

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Mondeo All-Wheel Drive

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All-New S-MAX All-Wheel Drive

The all-new S-Max is flexible, versatile and exciting. It's not often you hear all these three words in the same sentence. But it's the only way to describe the diverse talents of the all-new S-MAX.

All-New Galaxy All-Wheel Drive

Maybe you wouldn't think a car as large and versatile as the All-New Galaxy would be as engaging to drive. But with Intelligent All-Wheel Drive it's guaranteed to keep all seven passengers entertained.

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REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE: NEW FORD FIESTA ZETEC 125 82PS*

36 monthly payments	Cash price	Customer deposit	Deposit allowance	Amount of credit	Total amount payable (inc. £30 facility & purchase fee)	GMFV (optional final payment)	Mileage per annum	Excess mileage charge (pence per mile)	Term	
£169.00	£11,415.11	£169.00	£1,375.00	£9,871.11	£12,377.00	£4,729.00	6,000	6.0	36 months	4.3% APR Representative

Based on 6,000 miles per annum, excess mileage charge is 6p per mile.

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REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLE: NEW FORD ECOSPORT ZETEC 1.5 112PS 5DR*

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THE FORD ACTIVE WEEKEND
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60 VAUXHALL ASTRA EXCLUSIVE 1.8 Silver, 24k, Lady Owner ... ~~£5795~~ £5295
09 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTi. Black, High Mileage ... DUE IN
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58 PEUGEOT 207 SHDi 1.6 (90). Red, low mileage, full history ... ~~£3995~~ £3395
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57 MINI COOPER 1.6. White, 1 Lady Owner ... £3995
56 (07) MERCEDES A180 CDi CLASSIC SE Diesel, Silver, ... ~~£3795~~ £3395
56 VAUXHALL VECTRA Exclusive 1.8 Red Metallic ... £2895
56 CITROEN XSARA PICASSO HDi Diesel. Silver, FSH ... £2195
55 PEUGEOT 307 XSI 2.0 HDi Diesel. Bronze Met, Leather ... £3550
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53 VW Polo 1.2 blue, 1 lady owner ... SOLD
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Motoring

Additions to college fleet

A second mini bus has been suppled by award-winning Vauxhall dealer Arthurs to Ellesmere College.

The independent co-educational day and boarding school, located near Ellesmere, was founded in 1884 and currently has over 600 pupils.

The nine-seater Vauxhall Vivaro Combi has been described as an important addition to the college's fleet of modern mini buses.

Nick Howarth, Ellesmere College director of finance said: "The newest addition to our fleet fulfils all our requirements from a nine seater vehicle which has loads of space for passengers and items such as rucksacks.

"We are responding to demand for this particular type of vehicle which will carry out many different college activities, including transporting sports teams.

"We researched many makes and models and the Vivaro came out as the best quality vehicle which was able to meet our needs whilst at the same time proving to be economic to run and maintain.

"The Vivaro Combi will prove invaluable as a general workhorse with efficient fuel economy. Teachers are looking forward to using the nine seater and the new Vivaro will also be a good advertisement for the college." He added that the 17-seater Vauxhall Movano which the college bought from Arthurs Vauxhall in June is being used for a variety of college activities, including daily runs to bring pupils from Oswestry, Nantwich and Shawbury.

Mr. Howarth added: "We have been delighted with the 17-seater Vauxhall Movano mini bus and are confident we will be equally happy with our new Vauxhall Vivaro nine seater Combi."

Arthurs business sales manager Marcus Evans said: "We are delighted to have sold a second Vauxhall mini bus to Ellesmere College following recent sales of similar vehicles to Oswestry School."

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63 Reg	Skoda Rapid, SE 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 4175mls, £30 RFL	£11,495	£500	£10,995
14 Reg	Skoda Yeti, SE DSG AUTO 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 7739mls	£16,795	£800	£15,995
63 Reg	Skoda Citigo, Elegance ASG (Auto) 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 9200mls, £20 RFL			£7,995
63 Reg	Skoda Fabia, Monte Carlo 5dr HBK 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 23897mls			£8,995
64 Reg	Skoda Octavia, S 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 11194mls, £20 RFL			£13,995
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15 Reg	Skoda Fabia, SE 5dr EST 1.2 Petrol, FSH, 10926mls, £20 RFL	£15,215	£2,920	£12,295
15 Reg	Skoda Rapid, SE Tech 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, FSH, 10158mls, £30 RFL	£18,365	£5,370	£12,995
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15 Reg	Skoda Octavia, VRS 180PS 5dr EST 2.0 Diesel, FSH, 6812mls, £30 RFL	£25,960	£5,965	£19,995
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63 Reg	Ford Fiesta Zetec EcoBoost 100PS 3dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 23786mls, £0 RFL	£8,795
14 Reg	Ford Fiesta, Zetec S 3dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 20822mls, £0 RFL	£10,995
63 Reg	Ford Fiesta, ST 3dr HBK 1.6 Petrol, FSH, 15789mls	£12,995
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63 Reg	Ford B-Max, Zetec AUTO 5dr MPV 1.6 Petrol, FSH, 9387mls	£10,695
62 Reg	Focus, Zetec EcoBoost 100PS 5dr HBK 1.0 Petrol, FSH, 9955mls, £20 RFL	£9,995
64 Reg	Focus, Zetec Navigator ECOnetic 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, 13374mls, £0 RFL	£12,795
60 Reg	Hyundai i10, Edition 5dr HBK 1.1 Petrol, FSH, 43469mls, £30 RFL	£4,195
12 Reg	Nissan Note, Acenta 5dr HBK 1.4 Petrol, FSH, 27313mls	£6,295
62 Reg	Nissan Note, N-Tec+ 5dr HBK 1.5 Diesel, 38688mls, £20 RFL	£7,495
12 Reg	Peugeot 207, Allure 5dr HBK 1.6 Diesel, 40038mls, £30 RFL	£6,495
62 Reg	Peugeot Bipper, Tepee 5dr MPV 1.3 Diesel, FSH, 20711mls, £30 RFL	£7,995
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The fourth-generation Optima has a modern, new exterior, a bold interior design with more space for occupants, new technologies and a wide choice of efficient powertrains.

The new model will offer greater refinement and improved ride and handling over the outgoing model, while retaining the sporty image that has helped Optima become one of Kia's best-selling models worldwide.

The Kia Optima plays an important role in the Kia Motors Europe product line-up, introducing the brand to an increasing number of new customers. Since the third-generation model launched in 2011, with its distinctive look, high-quality interior and high-tech image, the Optima has offered buyers something fresh and different in the D-segment.

The all-new Optima's evolutionary new look was designed to be functional and sporty, with exterior dimensions that are marginally longer, taller and wider. These changes enable a roomier and more comfortable cabin, with more head-, shoulder- and rear-seat leg-room and greater cargo capacity.

This model is the most aerodynamic Optima to date, with drag reduced from 0.3 to 0.29 Cd. The all-new Optima will be available in Europe in a choice of nine colours, with alloy wheels ranging from 16- to 18 inches in diameter.

The material quality of the all-new Optima's cabin is significantly improved over the outgoing model, with a far higher proportion of soft-touch materials, as well as cloth and leather trim in natural tones. Tasteful metallic accents throughout the cabin add a higher quality ambience to the interior.

The larger interior and exterior dimensions ensure that the all-new model is the most practical, spacious and comfortable. Cargo space has grown from 505 to 510 litres (VDA), with the under-floor storage area and a wider boot opening adding greater practicality.

It features a uniquely engineered body which combines more high-strength materials than ever before, resulting in even higher standards of crash safety. While passive safety is improved, the new model is also equipped with a series of high-tech active and autonomous safety features, and Kia's engineers have targeted a five-star Euro NCAP safety rating throughout the Optima's development programme.

Kia's vehicle stability management is fitted as standard, ensuring stability under braking and cornering by controlling the car's electronic stability control and electric motor-driven power steering if it detects a loss of traction. The Optima is available with a wide range of optional active hazard-avoidance technologies, depending on market.

Improving ride and handling was a top priority for Kia's dynamic development teams, with a focus on delivering the ride comfort and stability customers expect from a D-segment sedan, while achieving the level of agility promised by the car's sportier appearance.

The all-new Optima debuts a number of new, advanced on-board technologies to improve usability, comfort and convenience. The touchscreen infotainment system is paired with a six-speaker audio system as standard. A powerful Harman Kardon Premium Sound system, featuring 10 speakers, an external amplifier and Clari-Fi MP3 restoration technology, is also available as an option.

The all-new Kia Optima will offer the company's unique seven-year, 150,000km warranty as standard.

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How they stand

Sportsjam Regional Football League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Allscott	8	6	1	1	18	19
FC Oswestry Town	9	6	1	2	17	19
Wroxeter Rovers	8	6	1	1	16	19
Childs Ercall	9	5	1	3	3	16
AFC Broseley	8	4	2	2	11	14
Rock Rovers	7	4	1	2	2	13
FC Hodnet	8	3	2	3	2	11
Wrockwardine Wood	8	3	2	3	-4	11
Madeley Sports	8	3	1	4	-9	10
AFC Bridgnorth Res.	9	2	4	3	-10	10
Prees	9	2	2	5	-14	8
Oakengates Athletic	9	2	1	6	-9	7
Church Stretton	8	1	1	6	-10	4
Shifnal United97	8	1	0	7	-13	3

Division One

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Clee Hil lUnited	5	5	0	0	18	15
AFC Wellington	5	5	0	0	9	15
Stoke Heath1st	5	4	0	1	16	12
Bishops Cas Twn FC	5	3	0	2	12	9
Highley Miners Wel	4	3	0	1	10	9
Oakengates Rangers	5	2	0	3	0	6
Gobowen Celtic	4	2	0	2	0	6
Brown Clee	6	1	0	5	-18	3
W'dine Wood Res	6	0	0	6	-20	0
Spalaig Britannia	5	0	0	5	-27	0

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Madeley Sports Res.	5	5	0	0	26	15
Coven Utd	5	4	0	1	11	12
W'church Alport Res	5	3	1	1	11	10
Randlay Casuals	5	3	1	1	9	10
Claverley	5	3	1	1	7	10
AFC Broseley Res	6	3	1	2	0	10
Riverside	6	3	0	3	-1	9
Albrighton Juniors FC	5	2	0	3	-3	6
St Martins Res	5	1	1	3	2	4
Craven Arms Town	7	1	1	5	-14	4
FC Oswestry Res	5	1	0	4	-6	3
Denso	5	0	0	5	-42	0

Greenhous Shrewsbury & District Sunday Football League

Premier

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Instones United	5	4	1	0	9	13
Rock Rovers Youth	4	3	1	0	8	10
Cruckton Rovers	5	3	1	1	6	10
The Gates	3	2	1	0	8	7
Compasses	5	1	1	3	-7	4
Coton Rovers	3	0	3	0	0	3
Pontesbury	3	1	0	2	-4	3
SAHA	4	1	0	3	-5	3
Kinnerley	4	1	0	3	-6	3
Loppington	4	0	0	4	-9	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Athletico Market	5	4	1	0	8	13
Peacock Corinthians	4	3	0	1	7	9
Norbury	4	2	1	1	4	7
Anchor Inn	5	2	1	2	2	7
Condover Foxes	4	2	1	1	1	7
Beacon	4	2	0	2	0	6
Rock Rovers	5	1	1	3	-3	4
Bagley Sports	5	1	1	3	-3	4
Minsterley	5	1	1	3	-4	4
Coracle AFC	5	1	1	3	-12	4

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Radbrook	5	3	1	1	5	10
Unison	5	3	1	1	3	10
Telegraph	4	3	0	1	6	9
Crown Coleham	4	3	0	1	0	9
Belvidere	5	2	0	3	4	6
Steam Wagon	4	2	0	2	3	6
Red Barne	3	2	0	1	2	6
Boars Head	4	1	0	3	-4	3
Brockton Rovers	5	1	0	4	-10	3
SAHA Youth	3	0	0	3	-9	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
White Lion	5	3	2	0	11	11
Reman Youth	6	3	1	2	14	10
Snailbeach	6	3	1	2	13	10
Castlefields	6	3	1	2	12	10
Bull in the Barne	6	3	1	2	1	10
Duddlestone Heath	5	3	1	1	0	10
Nags Head	5	2	2	1	-1	8
Onslow	5	2	0	3	-2	6
Beeches	6	0	1	5	-9	1
Sundorne	4	0	0	4	-39	0

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Bomere Heath	5	5	0	0	21	15
Dun Cow	6	4	1	1	7	13
Old Post Office Wem	5	2	2	1	5	8
Saddlers	4	2	2	0	4	8
Harlescott SC	6	2	2	2	-3	8
Crown Abbey F'gate	5	2	1	2	0	7
Dolphin AFC	6	1	4	1	-3	7
Anchor Frankwell	5	1	2	2	-5	5
Unicorn	3	1	0	2	2	3
Wheatsheaf	4	0	0	4	-12	0
Monkmoor United	5	0	0	5	-16	0

Telford Flooring Sunday Football League

Premier

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Randlay United	3	3	0	0	19	9
Plough Inn W'gton	3	3	0	0	14	9
Shifnal Town Euro	2	2	0	0	7	6
Cressage	2	1	1	0	3	4
Shifnal Royals	3	1	0	2	1	3
Barley FC	3	1	0	2	-6	3
Red Lion FC	4	1	0	3	-14	3
Shifnal North End	3	0	1	2	-10	1
Allscott Atletic	3	0	0	3	-14	0

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Riverside	4	3	1	0	12	10
Dawley Social Club	4	3	0	1	5	9
W'dine Wood 13 FC	3	2	1	0	8	7
B Head Dawley B Vet	4	2	1	1	7	7
Coalport O'gates	4	2	0	2	-1	6
Lord Hill Market Dray	5	2	0	3	-2	6
Malt Shovel	4	1	1	2	0	4
Honeysuckle FC	3	1	0	2	-3	3
Celtic Spartans	4	1	0	3	-6	3
Hinstock Falcons	3	0	0	3	-20	0

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	GD	P
Travellers Joy FC	4	4	0	0	9	12
Dawley Wand Vets	5	4	0	1	5	12
Bridgnorth Ath FC	3	3	0	0	15	9
Cosford United	5	2	2	1	2	8
Ironbrige Town FC	4	2	1	1	2	7
Hareand Hounds FC	5	2	0	3	-6	6
White Horse Athletic	3	1	1	1	3	4
Lawley Football Club	5	1	1	3	-10	4
W'dine Wood Jns	2	1	0	1	-1	3
Rose & Crown Stirch	5	0	1	4	-9	1
Telford Rangers	5	0	0	5	-10	0

English Rugby Clubs

National League 2 North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sedgley Park	6	5	0	1	232	147	26
Macclesfield	6	5	0	1	217	128	25
Caldy	6	5	0	1	159	116	22
Sandal	6	5	0	1	133	93	22
Leicester Lions	6	4	1	1	150	106	20
Chester	6	4	0	2	143	101	20
Harrogate	6	3	0	3	124	112	16
Otley	6	3	0	3	118	119	15
Stourbridge	6	2	1	3	115	101	14
South Leicester	6	2	0	4	160	195	13
Sale	6	2	0	4	147	173	11
Preston Grasss	6	2	0	4	93	131	10
Huddersfield	6	2	0	4	96	141	9
Tynedale	6	1	0	5	137	180	9
Broadstreet	6	1	0	5	133	218	5
Luctonians	6	1	0	5	99	195	5

National League 3 Midlands

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hinckley	6	6	0	0	200	77	29
Old Halesonians	6	5	0	1	169	92	25
Bromsgrove	6	5	0	1	158	133	22
Scunthorpe	6	4	0	2	174	124	19
Lichfield	6	3	0	3	156	131	16
Nuneaton	6	3	0	3	152	125	15
Newport, Salop	6	3	0	3	150	136	15
Syston	6	3	0	3	133	152	15
B'ham/Solihull	6	2	0	4	143	156	13
P'borough Lions	6	3	0	3	131	113	10
Sandbach	6	2	0	4	94	123	10
Old N'tonians	6	1	0	5	95	182	7
Longton	6	1	0	5	102	206	5
Sutton Coldfield	6	1	0	5	119	226	5

Midlands 1 West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stratford U Avon	6	5	0	1	202	97	26
Burton	6	5	0	1	210	100	23
Worcs Wdrs	6	4	1	1	208	132	23
Kenilworth	6	4	0	2	162	105	21
Bridgnorth	6	3	2	1	120	90	17
Bournville	6	3	0	3	176	170	17
Hereford	6	3	0	3	140	163	15
Dudley Kings	6	2	1	3	182	159	15
Whitchurch	6	3	0	3	105	114	14
Stoke on Trent	6	2	1	3	100	145	13
Crewe/Nantwich	6	2	0	4	127	158	11
Leek	6	2	1	3	102	141	10
Silhillians	6	1	0	5	98	171	8
Walsall	6	0	0	6	97	284	2

Midlands 2 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wolverhampton	4	4	0	0	190	37	20
Moseley Oak	3	3	0	0	161	33	15
Camp Hill	4	3	0	1	150	82	15
Old Saltleians	4	3	0	1	93	64	14
Kidderminster	4	2	0	2	97	107	12
S'bridge Lions	3	2	0	1	102	66	10
Old Yardleians	4	2	0	2	80	73	10
Veseyans	4	2	0	2	69	106	9
Handsworth	4	1	0	3	73	138	7
Stafford	4	1	0	3	77	149	5
Harborne	4	0	0	4	50	156	0
Shrewsbury	4	0	0	4	54	185	0

Midlands 3 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Tamworth	4	3	0	1	120	36	15
N'castle, Staffs	3	3	0	0	83	25	15
Ludlow	3	3	0	0	125	68	15
Burntwood	4	3	0	1	120	62	14
Cannock	4	3	0	1	98	65	14
Willenhall	4	3	0	1	102	93	13
Edwardians	4	0	1	3	86	96	6
Clee Hill	3	1	0	2	40	65	5
Eccleshall	4	0	1	3	39	138	2
Cleobury M	2	1	0	1	47	21	1
Bloxwich	3	0	0	3	28	109	0
Wednesbury	4	0	0	4	29	139	0

Midlands 4 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Barton-U-N'wd	4	3	0	1	140	54	16
Bishops Castley	4	3	0	1	63	35	14
Uttoxeter	4	3	0	1	110	103	14
Telford Hornets	4	2	0	2	100	36	11
Rugeley	3	2	0	1	108	50	11
Yardley & Dist	4	2	0	2	53	47	9
Church Stretton	4	2	0	2	83	124	9
Bromyard	4	1	0	3	92	98	9
Aston OE	3	1	0	2	31	77	4
Aldridge	3	1	0	2	33	83	4
Market Drayton	3	0	0	3	30	136	0

Midlands 5 West North

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greyhound	4	3	0	1	160	86	16
St Leonards	4	3	0	1	166	79	15
Essington	3	3	0	0	142	78	15
Tenbury	3	1	0	2	60	55	6
Stourport	3	1	0	2	62	81	5
Warley	4	1	0	3	52	211	4
Chaddesley C	3	0	0	3	61	113	1

Northern Division Cheshire (South)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eagle	6	5	1	0	184	139	27
Manchester M	6	5	0	1	290	77	24
Oswestry	6	5	0	1	211	59	23
Moore	6	4	0	2	256	122	22
Trentham	6	4	0	2	228	113	21
Dukinfield	6	4	0	2	168	147	21
Marple	6	3	1	2	191	127	18
Heaton Moor	6	3	1	2	155	124	18
Ramsey (IOM)	6	3	0	3	165	145	17
V'bonds (IOM)	6	2	1	3	112	131	14
Linley	6	1	0	5	89	255	6
Congleton	6	1	0	5	84	203	4
Ashton/Mersey	6	0	0	6	66	260	2
Knutsford	6	0	0	6	37	334	0

Shrewsbury & District Ladies Darts League

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Anchor F/W	3	3	0	0	14	4	6
Charles Darwin	3	2	0	1	14	4	5
R & Fountain A	3	2	0	1	14	4	5
Compasses B	3	2	0	1	13	5	5
Heathgates A	3	2	0	1	12	6	5
Crown & Sceptre	3	0	2	1	6	12	1
Belle Vue Tavern	3	0	2	1	5	13	1
Telegraph	3	0	2	1	4	14	1
Wheatsheaf	2	0	1	1	3	9	1
Belvidere	2	0	2	0	3	9	0
Harlescott SC	2	0	2	0	2	10	0

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Horseshoes	3	2	0	1	12	6	5
Woodman	2	2	0	0	10	2	4
Beeches	2	2	0	0	8	4	4
Crown A/F	3	0	0	3	9	9	3
Bird in Hand	3	1	1	1	8	10	3
Compasses C	3	0	1	2	8	10	2
Plough	3	0	1	2	8	10	2
Crown C.Ham	2	0	1	1	5	7	1
Compasses A	2	0	1	1	3	9	1
Heathgates B	3	0	2	1	7	11	1

Boughey Gardens Tennis Club closed the season with the last of its touraments on Friday. Eight ladies and eight men were competing for the George Hamilton Tankard at the annual floodlit tournament under the watchful eye of Tournament Director Tim Smith. Two hours of mixed doubles in perfect weather conditions with the promise of a curry to round off the evening resulted in winners Lucy Clerk and Peter Butler lifting the trophy, with joint runners up being Jude Paton, Abigail Hind, Cath Agunloye and Carlton Adams.

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Reabrook S/C	3	2	0	1	11	7	5
Saddlers A	2	2	0	0	10	2	4
Rock B	3	1	1	1	9	9	3
Red Lion B/H	2	1	1	0	7	5	2
Monkmoor	2	1	1	0	6	6	2
Bagley S/C	3	1	2	0	6	12	2
Saddlers B	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Anchor H/G	2	0	2	0	4	8	0
Masonic	2	0	2	0	3	9	0

Midland Men's Hockey League

1st Team League

Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Worcester	2	2	0	0	10	5	6
Bridgnorth	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
L'borough Town	2	1	1	0	8	5	4
Burton	2	1	1	0	8	1	4
Sutton Coldfield	2	1	0	1	6	0	3
Old Halesonians	2	1	0	1	3	0	3
Edgbaston	2	1	0	1	7	-2	3
Telford & Wrekin	2	0	1	1	7	-1	1
Cov'try & N War.	2	0	1	1	5	-1	1
Barton	2	0	1	1	2	-1	1
Sikh U (N'ham)	2	0	1	1	5	-2	1
Hampton-in-Ard	2	0	0	2	4	-7	0

Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Finchfield	2	1	1	0	10	3	4
Warwick	2	1	1	0	11	2	4
Old Silhillians	2	1	1	0	7	1	4
Coalville	2	1	1	0	6	1	4
Warwick Uni	1	1	0	0	9	8	3
Chesterfield	2	1	0	1	9	1	3
Stratford	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Shrewsbury	1	0	0	1	0	-1	0
Leicester	2	0	0	2	5	-3	0
Melton	2	0	0	2	4	-5	0
South Nott'ham	1	0	0	1	1	-8	0

West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ludlow	2	2	0	0	8	7	6
Market Drayton	2	2	0	0	7	6	6
Streetly	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Bloxwich	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Wednesbury	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
Sikh U (Cov'try)	2	1	0	1	9	1	3
A'ridge & Walsall	2	1	0	1	6	1	3
Bromsgrove	2	1	0	1	5	-3	3
Solihull B'field	2	1	0	1	4	-4	3
Kings Heath Pick	2	0	0	2	3	-4	0
Wolverhampton	2	0	0	2	1	-4	0
Old Wulfrunians	2	0	0	2	0	-6	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stafford	2	2	0	0	10	10	6
Redditch	2	2	0	0	9	9	6
Oswestry	2	2	0	0	8	5	6
West Bromwich	2	1	0	1	10	6	3
Leamington	1	1	0	0	5	4	3
Pershore	2	1	0	1	7	-1	3
Newtown	2	1	0	1	3	-5	3
Yardley	2	0	0	2	2	-6	0
Evesham	1	0	0	1	0	-6	0
Droitwich Spa	2	0	0	2	0	-7	0
Barlaston	2	0	0	2	0	-9	0

2nd Team League West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harborne	2	2	0	0	9	7	6
Worcester	2	2	0	0	6	4	6
Stourport	2	1	0	1	7	2	3
Bournville	2	1	0	1	6	2	3
Hampton-in-Ard	2	1	0	1	5	1	3
Stratford	2	1	0	1	4	-1	3
North Stafford	2	1	0	1	3	-1	3
Warwick	2	1	0	1	4	-2	3
Stafford	1	0	0	1	2	-3	0
Edgbaston	2	0	0	2	2	-4	0
Shrewsbury	1	0	0	1	2	-5	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Bloxwich	2	2	0	0	10	5	6
Bridgnorth	2	1	1	0	8	5	4
Old Halesonians	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Old Silhillians	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Finchfield	2	1	0	1	8	5	3
Solihull B'field	1	1	0	0	2	2	3
Market Drayton	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
A'ridge & Walsall	2	0	1	1	2	-1	1
Telford & Wrekin	1	0	0	1	1	-1	0
Stone	2	0	0	2	5	-9	0
Wolverhampton	2	0	0	2	1	-9	0

West Midlands 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
West Bromwich	2	2	0	0	14	13	6
Old Wulfrunians	2	2	0	0	11	10	6
Streetly	2	2	0	0	6	4	6
Redditch	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Wednesbury	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
Bromsgrove	2	1	0	1	5	0	3
Kings Heath Pick	1	0	0	1	1	-2	0
Droitwich Spa	2	0	0	2	1	-7	0
Ludlow	1	0	0	1	1	-10	0
Evesham	2	0	0	2	1	-5	-3*
Pershore	2	0	0	2	1	-7	-3*

3rd Team League West Midlands Premier

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Shrewsbury	2	2	0	0	11	9	6
Wednesbury	2	2	0	0	9	7	6
Bridgnorth	2	2	0	0	5	5	6
Old Halesonians	2	2	0	0	8	2	6
Hampton-in-Ard	2	1	0	1	6	1	3
Stratford	2	1	0	1	4	1	3
Stafford	2	1	0	1	1	-2	3
Telford & Wrekin	2	1	0	1	2	-3	3
A'ridge & Walsall	2	0	0	2	5	-3	0
Bromsgrove	2	0	0	2	2	-4	0
North Stafford	2	0	0	2	3	-5	0
Bloxwich	2	0	0	2	0	-8	0

West Midlands 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Finchfield	2	1	1	0	12	9	4
West Bromwich	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Stone	2	1	1	0	6	3	4
Market Drayton	2	1	1	0	3	3	4
Redditch	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Leamington	2	1	0	1	5	-1	3
Solihull B'field	2	1	0	1	4	-6	3
Old Wulfrunians	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
Streetly	2	0	1	1	4	-3	1
Kings Heath Pick	2	0	1	1	3	-3	1
Wolverhampton	2	0	1	1	1	-3	-2*
Droitwich Spa	2	0	0	2	1	-4	-3*

Central League North West 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
North Stafford IV	2	2	0	0	6	6	6
Bridgnorth IV	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Cannock VII	1	1	0	0	4	3	3
Finchfield IV	2	1	0	1	6	1	3
Old W'frunians IV	2	1	0	1	5	1	3
Shrewsbury IV	2	1	0	1	4	0	3
Bridgnorth V	2	1	0	1	3	0	3
Sutton C'field VII	2	0	1	1	1	-5	1
Telford & Wrek IV	1	0	0	1	1	-2	0
Stafford IV	2	0	0	2	3	-6	0

North West 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Stone IV	2	2	0	0	7	7	6
Leek VI	2	2	0	0	4	3	6
West Brom IV	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
Lichfield V	1	1	0	0	4	2	3
Old W'frunians V	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Wednesbury IV	2	1	0	1	3	0	3
Sutton C'field IX	1	0	0	1	0	-3	0
Lichfield VI	2	0	0	2	3	-4	0
Stafford V	1	0	0	1	1	-5	0
Telford & Wrek V	2	0	0	2	1	-6	0

Midlands Women's Hockey League

Midlands Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Leam'gton 1st XI	3	3	0	0	16	0	9
Uni of Brum III	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Shrewsbury I	3	2	0	1	9	9	6
Cannock II	3	2	0	1	4	4	6
North Notts I	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Towcester I	3	1	1	1	7	9	4
Edgbaston 1st XI	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
North Staff HC I	3	0	2	1	6	7	2
Olton & W War II	3	0	1	2	4	11	1
L'borough Stu II	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

Feeder West

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Harborne 2nd XI	3	3	0	0	17	4	9
Stone 1st XI	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
T'ford and Wrek I	3	2	1	0	9	5	7
Stratford I	3	2	0	1	13	8	6
Uttoxeter 1st XI	3	2	0	1	11	11	6
Lichfield 2nd XI	3	1	1	1	6	7	4
Bridgnorth 1st XI	3	1	0	2	10	15	3
Shrewsbury II	3	0	0	3	3	9	0
Cannock III	3	0	0	3	3	11	0
Worcester II	3	0	0	3	3	13	0

Telford Singles & Doubles Domino League

	P	F	A	P
White Horse FR	6	32	22	12
Horseshoes A	6	31	23	12
Park Hotel	6	32	22	11
Wendy House	6	32	22	11
Albion	6	29	25	10
White Hart	6	27	27	10
Horseshoes B	6	26	28	9
Bulls Head A	6	25	29	9
Bulls Head B	6	26	28	8
Rec Club	6	26	28	8
Railway B	6	25	29	8
Talbot	6	25	29	8
Railway A	6	23	31	5
White Horse WW	6	19	35	5

Ron's Gents Hairdressing Shrewsbury & District Domino League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Woodman B	6	5	0	1	29	19	10
Crown A	6	4	1	1	30	18	9
Cross Foxes B	5	4	0	1	23	17	8
Boars Head	6	2	3	1	26	22	7
Telegraph CB	6	3	1	2	25	23	7
Compasses A	6	3	1	2	23	25	7
Monkmoor	6	2	2	2	25	23	6
Reman	6	1	4	1	23	25	6
Frankwell CC	6	2	2	2	23	25	6
Brooklands A	6	2	2	2	23	25	6
Rock A	6	2	1	3	24	24	5
Horseshoes	6	2	1	3	23	25	5
Belvidere A	6	2	1	3	23	25	5
Belle Vue Tavern	6	2	1	3	23	25	5
Unison	6	1	3	2	22	26	5
Telepost	5	1	2	2	19	21	4
Prince of Wales A	6	1	1	4	20	28	3
Compasses B	6	0	2	4	20	28	2

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rock B	5	4	1	0	25	15	9
Royal Oak	4	3	1	0	23	9	7
Rock C	5	3	1	1	23	17	7
Harry Hotspur	5	2	3	0	23	17	7
Plough	5	2	2	1	23	17	6
Corbett B	4	2	1	1	18	14	5
Red Lion	4	1	3	0	18	14	5
Telegraph B	4	2	1	1	16	16	5
Woodman A	5	1	2	2	20	20	4
Corbet Uff A	5	1	1	3	17	23	3
Cross Foxes A	5	1	1	3	14	26	3
Telegraph A	4	1	1	2	13	19	3
Harlescott SC	4	1	0	3	13	19	2
Beeches	4	1	0	3	12	20	2
Bird	5	0	0	5	14	26	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ad Duncan	5	4	0	1	26	14	8
Cressage	4	4	0	0	21	11	8
Masonic B	4	3	1	0	20	12	7
Belvidere	4	3	0	1	20	12	6
Masonic A	5	2	1	2	21	19	5
Heathgates B	5	1	3	1	19	21	5
Horseshoes A	5	1	2	2	19	21	4
Red Lion	5	1	2	2	19	21	4
Bagley	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Beeches B	5	0	3	2	16	24	3
Rock D	4	1	1	2	16	16	3
Red Castle	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
Bull in the Barn A	4	0	2	2	13	19	2
Bull in the Barn B	4	0	2	2	12	20	2
Heathgates A	4	1	0	3	11	21	2

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prince B	5	3	2	0	24	16	8
Coach	5	3	1	1	25	15	7
Anchor HG	4	3	0	1	18	14	6
Compasses BH	3	3	0	0	15	9	6
Dolphin	4	2	1	1	19	13	5
Wheatsheaf	4	2	1	1	19	13	5
Crown B	4	1	2	1	17	15	4
Brooklands	4	1	1	2	16	16	3
Dog & Pheasant	4	0	3	1	15	17	3
Brittania	5	0	3	2	14	26	3
Inn on the Green	2	1	0	1	7	9	2
Brick Copthorne	4	0	1	3	11	21	1
Bulls Head	3	0	1	2	8	16	1
Seven Stars	3	0	0	3	8	16	0

Bridgnorth Five-a-Side League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
B Clee Eagles	3	2	1	0	5	0	7
Down Inn	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Grainger & Wor	3	2	0	1	8	5	6
Brown Clee	3	2	0	1	5	3	6
Extraction FC	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
Bulldog 2012	3	1	0	2	6	7	3
Alveley	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
GTE Transport	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
Assured FC	3	0	1	2	4	11	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
The George	3	3	0	0	9	0	9
B Clee Beagles	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Fosters Arms	3	2	1	0	5	1	7
Silverthorne OB	3	2	1	0	5	2	7
Old Castle	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Burwarton Ath	3	1	1	1	6	5	4
Black Horse	3	1	1	1	1	3	4
Bamboo	4	1	0	3	8	4	3
DV Roberts	3	1	0	2	4	10	3
Claverley	3	0	1	2	0	4	1
Golden Lion	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
The Falcon	3	0	0	3	1	11	0

Darwin Glass & Glazing Shrewsbury & District Darts League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Masonic A	4	4	0	0	23	9	8
Rock C	4	2	2	0	19	13	6
Telegraph B	4	2	2	0	18	14	6
Beacon A	4	1	3	0	19	13	5
Beacon B	4	2	1	1	19	13	5
W'sheaf F/W A	4	1	2	1	18	14	4
Crown A/F A	4	0	4	0	16	16	4
Heathgates A	4	2	0	2	15	17	4
Belvidere A	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
Comp Dith FC	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
BITB A	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Coach	4	0	2	2	13	19	2
AIHG	4	0	2	2	11	21	2
Beeches	4	0	1	3	9	23	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Admiral Duncan	4	3	1	0	21	11	7
Masonic B	4	3	1	0	19	13	7
Charles Darwin	4	2	2	0	20	12	6
Crown A/F B	4	3	0	1	20	12	6
Eagles (cress)	4	2	1	1	17	15	5
POW	4	2	1	1	17	15	5
7 Stars	3	1	2	0	14	10	4
R Oak B (rock)	4	2	0	2	17	15	4
Comp Dith B	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Onlsow	4	1	2	1	16	18	4
Comp Dith A	4	0	2	2	14	18	2
Bull C/Foregate	3	0	0	3	7	17	0
Grove	4	0	0	4	10	22	0
R Lion B/Heath	4	0	0	4	8	24	0

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Red Barn	4	4	0	0	22	10	8
Inn on the Green	3	2	1	0	14	10	5
Steam Wagon	3	2	0	1	14	10	4
Telegraph C	3	2	0	1	14	10	4
Belvidere B	3	2	0	1	13	11	4
Woodman B	4	2	0	2	17	15	4
Bagley Club	4	1	2	1	15	17	4
Coracle A	3	1	0	2	11	13	2
Rock A	3	1	0	2	11	13	2
Woodman A	3	0	2	1	10	14	2
Comp Dith C	4	0	1	3	12	20	1
Comp B/Hill	3	0	0	3	7	17	0

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Monkmoor	4	4	0	0	23	9	8
Salopian Bar	4	4	0	0	20	12	8
BVT A	4	3	0	1	19	13	6
HSC C	4	3	0	1	19	13	6
Brooklands	4	3	0	1	16	16	6
Harry Hotspur	4	2	1	1	19	13	5
Coracle B	4	2	0	2	18	14	4
Dog in Lane A	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Bell X Houses	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Hare & Hounds	4	1	0	3	15	17	2
Cressage Club	4	1	0	3	13	19	2
Boars Head	4	0	1	3	13	19	1
X Foxes	4	0	1	3	11	21	1
Brick A/F	4	0	0	4	8	24	0

Division 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
New Inn (Hadnall)	4	3	1	0	20	12	7
Crown & Scepter	4	3	0	1	21	11	6
Reabrook S.C	4	2	2	0	21	11	6
Telegraph A	4	3	0	1	18	14	6
Hop & Friar	4	2	1	1	18	14	5
Bird in Hand	4	2	1	1	17	15	5
HSC B	4	1	2	1	15	17	4
Telepost	4	1	2	1	15	17	4
AMF Bowling	4	1	1	2	15	15	3
Condover Club	4	0	3	1	15	17	3
Dog in Lane B	4	0	3	1	14	18	3
BITB B	4	0	2	2	12	20	2
Plough Ponts	4	0	1	3	13	19	1
HSC A	4	0	1	3	10	22	1

Division 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Comp Ladies	4	4	0	0	25	7	8
Heathgates 40S	3	3	0	0	20	4	6
Corbett Arms	4	3	0	1	22	10	6
BVT B	4	2	2	0	19	13	6
Crown C/Ham A	4	2	0	2	17	15	4
Masonic C	3	2	0	1	11	13	4
W'sheaf F/W B	4	1	2	1	15	17	4
Brick Cop	4	1	2	1	14	18	4
Saddlers	3	1	0	2	13	11	2
Dolphin	3	0	2	1	14	17	2
Crown C/Ham B	3	0	0	3	8	16	0
Wingfield Arms	3	0	0	3	5	19	0
Britannia	3	0	0	3	1	23	0

Duke of York Sunday Morning Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Pheasant	19	15	4	60	35	30
Lion	19	12	7	55	40	24
Lamb	19	12	7	51	44	24
Coalport B	19	11	8	50	45	22
Duke of York	19	10	9	52	43	20
Coalport A	19	10	9	46	49	20
Station	19	9	10	45	50	18
Wendy House	19	7	12	42	53	14
Bush	19	5	14	33	62	10
Alex	19	4	15	41	54	8

Elcock Reisen Broseley Dominoes League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
3 Lions	4	3	1	19	9	28
Lion B	4	3	1	16	12	25
Albion B	4	2	2	14	14	20
Old Boys	4	2	2	13	15	19
Down/Outs	4	2	2	13	15	19
Albion A	4	2	2	12	16	18
Pressies	4	1	3	13	15	16
Lion A	4	1	3	12	16	15

Heath Hill Building & Roofing Telford Snooker League

Division 1

	P	W	L	F	A
Shifnal B	5	5	0	21	4
Dawley A	5	3	2	18	7
Hadley A	5	3	2	16	9
Broseley A	5	3	2	15	10
Bayley E	5	3	2	13	12
Bayley B	5	3	2	12	13
Maddocks E	5	2	3	12	13
Eden A	5	2	3	11	14
Hadley B	5	2	3	11	14
Maddocks A	4	3	1	10	10
Shifnal E	4	2	2	10	10
Maddocks C	3	2	1	7	8
Newport B	5	0	5	7	18
Maddocks D	5	0	5	2	23

Roden Scaffold Division 2

	P	W	L	F	A
Anstice B (Dawley)	5	4	1	17	8
Eden G	5	4	1	15	10
Shifnal F	5	3	2	15	10
Bayley D	4	4	0	14	6
Dawley B	4	3	1	13	7
Eden Elite	4	3	1	13	7
Maddocks F	5	2	3	11	14
Shifnal D	4	2	2	11	9
Bayley Cue	5	1	4	11	14
2nd Club A	5	2	3	10	15
Allscott	5	1	4	8	17
Bayley Z	4	1	3	7	13
Bayley Lads	5	0	5	5	20

Clee Hill Dominoes

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Kremlin	26	17	9	101	81	34
Bell A	26	16	10	104	78	32
Swan	26	16	10	100	82	32
Cross	26	16	10	98	84	32
Bell B	26	16	10	98	84	32
Tavern	26	15	11	99	83	30
Boyne	26	15	11	96	86	30
Social Club	26	12	14	92	90	24
Live & Let	26	12	14	87	95	24
Hillsiders	26	11	15	85	97	22
THSW.	26	10	16	78	104	20
New Inn	26	10	16	75	107	20
Fighting Cocks	26	9	17	82	100	18
Eagle	26	7	19	77	105	14

Spar Mid Wales League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Penrhyncoch	8	6	2	0	25	9	20
Llanrhaeadr	9	5	1	3	22	14	16
Hay St Mary's	8	5	1	2	23	17	16
Welshpool	8	5	1	3	15	13	16
Llandrindod Wells	7	5	0	2	16	8	15
Carno	8	5	0	3	16	9	15
Llanidloes	8	5	0	3	17	16	15
Waterloo	9	3	2	4	13	18	11
Knighton	6	3	1	2	14	9	10
Machynlleth	9	2	1	6	19	26	7
Aberaeron	7	1	3	3	11	15	6
Bow Street	9	2	0	7	13	30	6
**Montgomery	6	1	2	3	5	8	2
Tywyn/Bryncrug	9	1	0	8	12	29	3

**3 pts deducted for failing to fulfil a fixture

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Kerry	11	9	0	2	50	13	27
Berriew	7	6	1	0	31	7	19
Borth Utd	9	6	1	2	25	11	19
Bettws	11	5	4	2	25	18	19
Abermule	10	6	0	4	26	24	18
Churchstoke	10	5	2	3	28	24	17
Builth Wells	11	5	2	4	22	18	17
Radnor Valley	10	5	0	5	25	18	15
Dyffryn Banw	11	3	2	6	20	20	11
Presteigne	9	3	1	5	15	26	10
N'bridge-on-Wye	11	3	0	8	14	53	9
Bont	7	2	0	5	8	19	6
Penybont	11	1	2	8	9	25	5
Four Crosses	9	1	1	7	10	37	4
Aberystwyth Uni	1	1	0	0	7	2	3

Shrewsbury Invitational Domino League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Cross Foxes	6	4	0	2	31	17	10
Telegraph	5	4	0	1	26	14	9
Rock & Fountain	5	3	0	2	25	15	8
Bird in Hand	6	3	2	1	27	21	7
BVT	6	2	1	3	25	23	7
FCC	6	3	2	1	24	24	7
Dog & Pheasant	5	3	1	1	23	17	7
Anchor	6	3	3	0	23	25	6
Compasses	4	2	1	1	20	12	5
Telepost	6	1	3	2	21	27	4
Postal	5	1	2	2	17	23	4
Masonic	5	0	2	3	17	23	3
HSC	4	1	2	1	13	19	3
POW	6	1	5	0	20	28	2
Albion	6	1	5	0	19	29	2
Heathgates	5	1	4	0	13	27	2

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Denbigh Town	9	6	1	2	22	11	19
Cefn Druids	9	6	0	3	15	10	18
Holywell Town	9	5	2	2	20	10	17
Holyhead H'spur	8	5	2	1	17	9	17
Caernarfon Town	9	5	2	2	12	7	17
Prestatyn Town	9	5	1	3	21	15	16
Gresford Athletic	9	4	3	2	21	13	15
Guilsfield	9	4	2	3	10	12	14
Flint Town United	9	3	2	4	13	11	11
Mold Alex	9	3	1	5	19	19	10
Porthmadog	9	3	1	5	13	19	10
Buckley Town	9	3	1	5	14	21	10
Llanfair Utd	9	3	0	6	17	23	9
Conwy Borough	8	2	1	5	6	11	7
Rhayader Town	9	2	1	6	7	26	7
Caersws	9	2	0	7	7	17	6

Tanners Shrewsbury Bowls League Final Table

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	GW	Ag	P
Pontesbury A	24	15	9	0	148	517	178
Prince Hotel	24	17	7	0	140	450	174
Crescent A	24	12	11	1	140	350	165
Telepost A	24	16	8	0	133	321	165
Powbc C	24	13	11	0	126	232	152
Meole Brace A	24	13	11	0	124	41	150
Hanwood A	24	10	14	0	126	109	146
Battlefield A	24	14	10	0	117	-14	145
Osbc B	24	12	12	0	118	-89	142
Pontesbury B	24	9	14	1	105	-273	124
Unison A	24	8	16	0	104	-281	120
Bayston Hill	24	8	16	0	96	-614	112
St Julians	24	8	16	0	83	-749	99

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	GW	Ag	P
Bricklayers A	26	22	4	0	175	855	219
Bicton	26	21	5	0	159	535	201
Castlefields B	26	18	8	0	147	399	183
Reman Serv	26	16	10	0	145	199	177
Reman Sentinel	26	16	10	0	138	332	170
Oxon Village	26	12	14	0	137	132	161
Battlefield B	26	11	15	0	133	-207	155
Bricklayers B	26	12	14	0	126	36	150
Oxon	26	13	13	0	113	-256	139
Prince Social	26	9	17	0	116	-260	134
Meole Village	26	9	17	0	111	-391	129
Corbet Arms	26	11	15	0	106	-396	128
Castlefields C	26	6	20	0	108	-458	120
Crescent B	26	6	20	0	106	-520	118

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	GW	Ag	P
Frankwell	24	17	7	0	148	511	182
G'fields Soc A	24	16	8	0	146	438	178
Dorrington	24	13	11	0	135	477	161
Bagley A	24	13	11	0	133	320	159
Meole Brace B	24	16	8	0	122	172	154
Unison B	24	15	9	0	122	70	152
Powbc B	24	12	12	0	121	34	145
Powbc A	24	12	12	0	120	2	144
Osbc A	24	11	13	0	113	-203	134
Bicton Village	24	10	14	0	107	-303	127
Pontesbury D	24	7	17	0	103	-420	118
Pontesbury C	24	8	16	0	94	-471	110
Meole Brace C	24	6	18	0	96	-627	108

Division 4

	P	W	L	D	GW	Ag	P
Monkmoor B	20	17	3	0	141	919	175
Elephant & Cas	20	15	5	0	128	712	158
Telepost B	20	13	6	1	124	367	151
Hanwood B	20	16	4	0	118	440	150
G'fields Soc B	20	9	11	0	102	43	120
Minsterley	20	11	9	0	96	-188	118
Bagley B	20	8	11	1	91	-95	108
Lythwood	20	8	12	0	83	-433	99
W'then & Brock	20	3	17	0	80	-465	86
Severnside	20	5	15	0	70	-619	80
Monkmoor A	20	4	16	0	67	-681	75

Bridgnorth Dominoes League

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Malt Shovel B	4	3	0	1	19	13	6
Fosters A	4	2	1	1	20	12	5
Islanders	3	2	1	0	16	8	5
Chelmarsh SC A	4	2	1	1	17	15	5
Golden Lion	4	2	1	1	16	16	5
Fosters B	4	2	0	2	14	18	4
Goldens	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
AFC A	4	1	0	3	13	19	2
Alveley S.C	4	1	0	3	13	19	2
Worfield CC	3	0	1	2	9	15	1

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Malt Shovel A	3	3	0	0	16	8	6
Bowling Club	3	3	0	0	15	9	6
AFC B	4	2	0	2	16	16	4
Royal Oak	4	1	2	1	16	16	4
Woodberry	3	1	1	1	13	11	3
Bylet	4	1	1	2	15	17	3
Duke Of York	4	1	1	2	14	18	3
Rugby Club	4	0	2	2	14	18	2
Chelmarsh B	3	0	1	2	9	15	1

Video Super Pool League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
King's Head	23	17	4	2	144	86	38
Horseshoes B	23	14	5	4	155	75	33
King's H'd LSC	23	14	5	4	145	85	33
Horseshoes A	23	13	7	3	140	90	33
Haygate A	23	12	6	5	135	95	30
W Horse L/H	23	11	7	5	129	101	28
R & C Ketley	23	12	3	8	131	99	27
Elephant & Cas	23	11	5	7	120	110	27
Bush	23	10	2	11	116	114	22
WWFC	23	9	3	11	106	124	21
Lamb Inn	23	4	3	16	90	140	10
WWT Lab Club	23	3	3	17	83	147	9
D Cow Trench	23	3	0	20	53	177	4
Haygate B	23	1	1	21	63	167	3

Town share the spoils in battle of top two

FC Oswestry goalscorer Alun Morris goes up for a corner

HONOURS were even as FC Oswestry Town had to settle for a 2-2 draw with Mercian Regional League premier division leaders Allscott at Park Hall.

The draw means that Town remain in second spot, level on points with their high flying visitors, and trailing by a goal difference of just one.

With both teams going into the top of the table showdown in fine form, it was Allscott who started the better and, for the first 20 minutes, they had Town on the back foot.

But as the half progressed, the hosts found their way back into the game and began to look the stronger team with the best chance falling to Chris Bishop who forced a fine save from the keeper.

After a goalless first half, the stalemate was broken just a minute into the second period courtesy of Allscott who forced the ball home from a corner.

Town, however, were still looking the more likely to score with wingers Paul Bache and Ishiataque Rashid pushing purposefully down the flanks.

And they were back on terms on 65 minutes when great work from Tommy Lewis saw Town win a corner from which Alun Morris fired home following Bache's delivery.

Town then took the lead on 70 minutes when Bishop lobbed the keeper from 20 yards but, 10 minutes later, after having a chance to seal the game, the ball was punted clear and the vistors managed to slip in and equalise.

Despite dropping two points, manager Nick Maguire was pleased with the overall performance and is sure FC Oswestry can compete for the league title this term. On Saturday, they travel to Church Stretton (3pm).

■ FC Oswestry Town Reserves suffered a disappointing 3-2 defeat at the hands of Albrighton Juniors in the Mercian League division two.

An early long range effort from the in-form Owen Davies put Town ahead after 20 minutes, before an Matt Coulson penalty doubled their lead on the stroke of half time.

However, they allowed Albrighton back in the game with two goals early in the second half before the winner came on 82 minutes with a counter attacking move after a good period of attacking pressure from the visitors.

It was a disappointing finish, with Town, who are now lying second from bottom, looking to bounce back against league leaders Madeley Sports at Marches School on Saturday (3pm).

ST MARTINS RES went down 5-3 at AFC Broseley reserves in the same division.

Morda game is postponed

MORDA United's stop-start season continued with their JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League division one fixture away at Meifod being postponed in midweek.

The Weston Road side hope to return to action on Saturday when they are due to travel to face Newtown Wanderers in the League Cup.

Quigley at double as New Saints go clear

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

The New Saints 2 Gap Connah's Quay 0

STRIKER Scott Quigley took his tally to five goals in two games after his brace helped The New Saints tighten their grip at the top of the Dafabet Welsh Premier.

After scoring his first senior hat-trick in the 6-1 romp at Carmarthen Town a few days before, the 23-year old front runner again proved too hot to handle as the Saints saw off Gap Connah's Quay 2-0 at Park Hall.

The winger, revelling in a more central role with fellow strikers Mike Wilde and Greg Draper on the bench, put the Saints on course in the ninth minute before sealing the victory 10 minutes from time with a cool finish when rounding keeper Jon Danby.

Victory saw the defending champions open up a five point lead after chasers Newtown and Bala Town were both involved in goalless draws, home to Aberystwyth Town and away to Llandudno respectively.

TNS boss Craig Harrison was full of praise for the team, and also striker Quigley who showed his growing maturity leading the line, highlighted with a well taken second goal to seal the victory.

"The second goal typifies how far Scott has come," he said. "A year ago, he would have lost his composure in that position.

"Although an instinctive finisher, his main weakness was when he found himself in time and space. But he took the second goal like a real mature centre forward."

Possession

Although a tight game, Harrison felt the victory was far more comfortable than the two-goal scoreline may suggest.

"I never thought at one point that we were in danger," he said. "We controlled the game from start to finish, had a lot of possession and they didn't have a shot on goal all game.

"It was a good all round team performance, we worked hard and considering we have had three games in seven days, the tempo we played at was very pleasing."

Gap arrived at Park Hall on the back of a grim run of away form against the Saints, having lost their last six visits while having won just once in 20 attempts.

And, despite just a couple of goals separating the sides, they never looked likely to improve that record against a dominant TNS.

As expected, Harrison's men started the game strongly, pressing their visitors from the start and were rewarded when they bagged the opener on nine minutes.

Excellent work from winger Adrian Cieslewicz played in Quigley who burst into the area at pace, beating the Nomads defensive line to slot the ball past keeper Jon Danby with a low shot from a tight angle.

Chris Seargeant tested Danby with another terrific effort from distance before half time as the hosts enjoyed plenty of possession without creating a great number of clear cut chances.

Gap did their best to step up a gear in the second half as they looked to catch the league leaders on the break but, apart from a couple of free kicks, never looked likely to shake off the shackles.

Berry good show for Ladies in Cup

Sam Berry's late winner saw TNS ladies through to the next round of the FA Cup. P*ic: Sue Wilson.*

SAM Berry's late free kick took The New Saints into the fourth qualifying round of the Women's FA Cup with a hard-fought 4-3 victory against Leafield Athletic Ladies.

Chloe Wilkinson, Sophie Edwards and Maddie Jones were also on target, before Berry struck what proved the winner six minutes from time.

Facing Leafield at home for the second season in a row at the same round of the competition, the Saints made a slow start against the Premier League side who drew first blood when a shot from 25 yards lobbed keeper Ceri Evans.

TNS started to get themselves back into the game and, after 24 minutes, were back on terms when a stunning free kick from Wilkinson flew into the net.

The hosts then looked to be on top and went ahead eight minutes before half time when Edwards fired home a free kick from the edge of the area.

The second half started where it left off, and, after just five minutes, a through ball by Sophie Davies saw Maddie Jones race away to fire a third for the Saints.

However, Leafield wouldn't let the tie lie and got back into the game when a corner from the right hand side was swung in and met by a bullet header.

The game then went from end to end, Charlotte Canlett firing the Saints' best chance just over the bar before Leafield levelled 10 minutes from time following a mix-up in the box.

With time remaining both teams then pushed for a winner, and it was TNS who struck when Berry stepped up to fire a free kick over the Leafield keeper.

"What a game, it had everything, but I think in the end the better team went through," said TNS ladies manager Joe Thompson.

"We showed great bottle and determination today, and are starting to look like the team we all know we are.

"Charlotte Canlett was excellent and so was Sophie Edwards, but the team on the whole were outstanding."

The Saints travel to Crusaders Ladies on Sunday in the West Midlands Regional Womens League premier division as they look to keep the pressure on the leaders.

*Goals from Toran Kelly and Mia Washington proved enough as TNS Ladies reserves returned to winning ways with a scrappy 2-0 success against Leek CSOB.

A messy start to the game saw both sides unable to keep possession with chances few and far between.

However, the Saints broke the deadlock when Kelly shrugged off the defence to fire home before Washington then added the second, and her first in adult football.

The second half was no better than the first, with both teams failing to get the ball down in an uninspiring affair.

The Saints, though, came the closest to adding another goal when Kelly's chance was well saved by the Leek goalkeeper before the game petered out.

Meanwhile, the under-18s notched a 4-0 victory against Coventry City Girls, with Rebekah Brown netting a brace, and Mia Washington and Taylor Davis getting the others.

A hat-trick from Charlotte Budd guided the under-16s to a 3-2 victory at Nunnerwood Wood Colts, while the under-14s were 7-2 winners at Shrewsbury Up & Comers with Harriett Davies scoring four times along with Marianne Sherwood, Erin Lovett and Teleri Ottaway.

TNS under-12s overcame Wrekin Juniors Girls 5-0 with Sioned Roberts getting two of the goals.

Stirring fightback not enough for Llanfair

LLANFAIR United slipped into the lower reaches of the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance table following their 3-2 defeat at home to Holyhead Hotspur.

After their heartbreaking loss to Rhayader Town a few days before, United were again involved in a tight affair before ultimately missing out despite a brave fightback.

The damage was done in the first half, with two goals coming just before the break, with Corey Jones netting a brace for the Anglesey men on 22 and 43 minutes, before Jamie Roberts added a third right on the interval.

But United refused to surrender, and gave themselves realistic hope of salvaging the game when Alun Hughes pulled one back on 72 minutes before Ben Jones set up a tight finish with a penalty two minutes later.

Despite their efforts, and the visitors being reduced to 10 men, the home side could find no way back, with defeat leaving the league new boys fourth from bottom.

A few days before, there was plenty of effort, but no reward as Llanfair slipped to a sickening last-gasp 2-1 defeat at Rhayader Town.

Rhys Stephens' side had led through James Davies' second minute strike, but they were left stunned as Rhydian Davies scored twice in the final five minutes to earn the hosts the spoils, the winner coming after Joe Vaughan had been harshly red-carded.

It was a cruel outcome for Llanfair who led in the second minute when Davies volleyed home a cleared corner from 18 yards out, and moments later the midfielder went close to a second when his effort off an Alun Hughes cross hit the bar.

As the game continued, Rhayader took control with some crisp passing as they created good half chances without really testing Lee Andrew in goal.

On the half hour, Rhayader had two headed efforts from corners cleared by Luke Gethin and then Rhys Stephens, while at the other end Paul Griffiths went close when his low effort was parried and Alun Hughes denied from the rebound.

Rhayader pushed for a leveller after the break, but Llanfair went close when Andrew Hughes flashed a shot just wide while James Davies had a left footed effort well saved.

Desperate defending denied Rhayader in another raid, but the Weirglodd hosts were back on terms in the 86th minute when Davies' 20-yard shot was deflected

Guils suffer narrow loss to Borough

GUILSFIELD lost ground on the leading pack in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance after succumbing 1-0 at home to Conwy Borough.

Experienced campaigner Ricky Evans, a recent recruit, notched the only goal of the game with a well taken free-kick on 32 minutes.

That was enough to separate the sides, with the villagers failing to find a way back despite having plenty of the game.

One of their best chances came in the first half, Adam Jenkins going close with a header, but the hosts struggled to carve clear openings against their wily visitors despite their second half endeavours.

Defeat sees the Guils slip to eighth, although they are still just five points off the top in an increasingly congested table.

Struggling Caersws slumped to the foot of the table after going down 1-0 at Cefn Druids – their seventh league defeat of the season.

The only goal came just before half-time when Ryan Kershaw, on loan from TNS, released Dave Forbes who calmly chipped past keeper David Jones.

Saturday's fixtures

Huws Gray Cymru Alliance (2.30): Caernarfon Town v Buckley Town, Conwy Borough v Llanfair Utd, Denbigh Town v Prestatyn Town, Flint Town Utd v Caersws, Gresford Ath v Mold Alex, Guilsfield v Porthmadog, Holyhead Hotspur v Cefn Druids, Holywell Town v Rhayader Town.

Super win for young Welshpool side

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

FORTUNES are looking up for Welshpool Town who produced their best display of the season with a 2-1 success over Llandrindod Wells to cement their place among the Spar Mid Wales League division one leaders.

Despite missing three key players, including Ian Probert and Rob Cookson, the Lilywhites' young line-up rose to the challenge to secure the spoils that lifted them up to fourth in the table.

The team included three 16-year-olds, and a couple of 19-year-olds, and there were nine local players on the pitch to point to brighter times ahead for the club after some tough seasons.

They lost keeper Stef Jones with a foot injury after 15 minutes of a goalless first half, before taking the lead in the second period when Joe Coulson headed home a Will Thomas free kick.

Llandod levelled with a free kick themselves helped by a goalkeeping fumble, but Pool snatched the points 10 minutes from time when Thomas was brought down in the box, and picked himself up to dispatch the penalty.

The hosts had to hang on at the end, but held firm to secure a fine win while denting Llandrindod's challenge.

Wayne Austin and Iwan Matthews both scored twice as **LLANRHAEADR** moved up to second place on goal difference with a 4-2 victory at Llanidloes Town.

The visitors lead 2-0 at the interval, dangerman Matthews releasing Wayne Austin who ran through before slotting in, and Matthews then found the net himself with another good finish.

After the break, Barry Haralambous pulled one back for the Daffs with a 20-yard strike into the bottom corner, but Llanrhaeadr restored their two goal cushion with another well taken goal after a terrific run and cross by Matthews was smashed home by Austin.

Charlie Proctor kept Llani in the hunt with another shot from outside the box, but a quality finish from Mathews after being put through by Marc Griffiths sealed victory for the visitors.

WATERLOO ROVERS were downed 3-1 at Aberaeron who took the spoils with Gareth Severs scoring twice, and Llewellyn Lloyd getting the other.

Leaders Penrhyncoch staged a stunning second half fightback to sweep side their local neighbours Bow Street 8-1 to move four points clear at the top.

After trailing to Iolo ap Dafydd's goal at half time, the Roosters turned the derby around in remarkable fashion.

Dylan James and Jonathan Evans both scored twice, as did striker Mattie Davies against his old, club with Jonathan Foligno and Josh Shaw getting the others.

Two late goals helped Carno stay in sight of the leaders with a 2-0 home verdict in a tight encounter against Machynlleth.

Josh Mathews got the breakthrough with a header 12 minutes from time, before Andy Evans lobbed the keeper in the closing moments to seal the win.

Knighton Town were comfortable 4-0 home winners against lowly Tywyn Bryncrug to climb up towards mid-table.

DYFFRYN BANW bowed out of the ER Jenkins Second Division Cup with a 3-1 extra time defeat at home to Borth United.

The sides finished 1-1 after 90 minutes, Banw responding with an own goal, before Borth took the spoils in the extra period.

They went ahead with a penalty after Rhodri Davies was sent off for a foul when the last man, before sealing the victory with a third goal.

Lowly **FOUR CROSSES** crashed out 6-2 at Churchstoke, while Abermule progressed with a 3-2 home passage against Aberystwyth University who saved in the hunt through a Matthew Hunton free kick and a Niall Jones penalty.

Bettws overcame Penybont 3-1, Bont edged out Presteigne 4-3, while high flying Kerry marched on with a 3-0 home passage against Builth Wells.

Ladies hit back for a fine win on travels

AFTER going a goal down, Oswestry Ladies showed their resolve to hit back for a 2-1 win at Deeside Ramblers to boost their prospects in the Cheshire Women's Hockey League division two.

Having lost three of their first four outings, Oswestry knew they would need to dig deep away to the Ramblers who had made a strong start to the season and were sitting second in the league table at the start of the day.

The visitors started the game strongly, putting into practice the skills and plans that had been worked on in training.

They looked to attack strongly and put pressure on the Deeside team high up the pitch but, after having had much of the early pressure, were unlucky to go behind to a bobbling deflection from a short corner.

Galvanised, Oswestry were determined to fight back and get the goal that their pressure deserved.

More and more opportunities were being created as they upped the pressure on the Deeside defence who found it increasingly difficult to clear the ball.

Their efforts were finally rewarded with a first half equaliser from Tracey Royle, before Rachel Arthan scored what proved the winner following their best spell of play in the second period.

Stung into action, Deeside started to push forward strongly in a bid to get back on terms, but the Oswestry team, for a time down to 10 players, worked hard together to keep their hosts at bay.

They held their 2-1 advantage right to the final whistle, built on a hard fought and determined display.

On Saturday, they take on Golborne at home, looking to build on last weekend's encouraging performance.

New signing Nurse stars on court

OSWESTRY'S mixed first team notched their first win of the Shropshire Winter Tennis League season when picking up six points away at High Ercall.

Stepping up to Group Two this season, they lost to Boughey Gardens in Newport the week before, but bounced back in their second fixture.

With Gilbert Woolley unavailable, Gary Edwards, from the second team, was brought in to the side at the last minute to partner Kat Oakley, while Jo Macrae and Matt Grice confirmed the other partnership.

The first round rubbers got off to a quick and skilful start with both sides gaining a rubber going into the reverse matches.

These replicated the first round rubbers with the same result but Oswestry took the spoils by virtue of winning one more set than their opponents and claimed six of the eight available points.

The club's fourth team were also in winning form as they travelled across the county to Market Drayton to play their third fixture.

Brilliant start

The club's recent member Craig Nurse competed for the first time in a league match partnering captain Linda Davies, with Brett Hollywell and Jo Dalietos making up the second pair.

Both pairs got off to a brilliant start and took commanding leads in the first set and they then both won their first rubbers losing only two games in total.

In the reverse rubbers, Dalietos and Hollywell were equally dominant taking theirs in straight sets.

Davies and Nurse got off to a good start in the first set clocking up a 4-0 lead but then let their opponents into the game to draw level at 4-4 before the Oswestry team refocused to take it 6-4.

In the second set, they got off to a poor start and soon found themselves 0-3 down before rallying to win the next six games and take the rubber.

This was a terrific win for Oswestry who picked up the maximum eight points, while Nurse showed himself to be an excellent addition to the squad.

Saints grab the points as Hands hits winner

GOALS in each half from Dan Graham and Jamie Hands took St Martins up to sixth spot in the West Midlands League division one with a 2-1 verdict at Shifnal Town.

It proved an excellent effort against a side just above the Saints in the table, with keeper George Austin also playing his part, along with Shawn Melusi who provided a threat all game.

The visitors were soon in their stride in a dominant start as Melusi released Graham to open his account on four minutes, and Graham had another effort ruled out for offside.

But Shifnal came into the game, forcing keeper Austin into a couple of important saves before half-time.

Keepers

Both keepers were in fine form, with Sam Thomas being denied by a good stop at the other end, while Graham headed wide from another cross from the dangerous Melusi.

Shifnal got back on terms when their efforts were rewarded with Toby Lumbard finding a way past Austin on 57 minutes.

But St Martins finished well, Hands hitting the woodwork as did the hosts, before Hands pounced for the winner 10 minutes from time after more good work form Melusi.

Ryan Butcher's side take on Wem at Park Hall on Saturday as they bid to avenge a defeat a few weeks ago

Depleted COBRA slip to bottom of table

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

COBRA slipped to the foot of the Swalec Welsh League division one (north) after a depleted side succumbed 25-3 at Bethesda.

It has been a tough start to the campaign for the Meifod side who have just five points from as many games, although four of the matches have been away from home. They are now two points adrift of second-bottom Dolgellau.

With a weekend off, and a chance to regroup, they return to duty the following Saturday at home to Nant Conwy as they embark on a crucial run of games.

Making the trip with just 16 players, COBRA more than matched their hosts for long spells. But tiring legs late on saw their challenge fade as Bethesda ran in a couple of tries to seal the win and bonus point.

The Llanfair Caereinion side were forced to field players out of position, but flankers Doug Roberts and Owain Morris both acquitted themselves well after switching to scrum-half and winger respectively.

Two unconverted tries gave Bethesda a 10-0 interval lead, but they certainly met their match up front as the COBRA pack proved a handful in the scrums.

But they were unable to capitalise, despite a penalty from fly-half Llew Williams keeping them in the hunt in the second half.

Faltered

However, from being 13-3 down, the lack of replacements proved costly as the Meifod men faltered late on and the home side, with far more options, finished strongly.

WELSHPOOL, who hammered Holyhead 86-0 the week before in the Swalec League division three (north), found Llangollen a far tougher challenge as they were downed 41-15, their second defeat of the season.

The visitors were below full strength for the trip, but did not help their cause when some basic defensive errors saw them concede three touchdowns against their second-placed hosts who are unbeaten in four games this season.

They trailed 24-8 at the end of a feisty first half, with Ryan Manuel scoring a try and Andrew Thomas a penalty.

Despite a second touchdown after the break, converted by Thomas, there was no way back as Llangollen ran out deserving victors.

Pool, who have slipped to fifth in the table, have no first team game this weekend, before returning to duty at home to basement side Benllech the following week.

A 10-try blitz saw **OSWESTRY III** ease to a 60-26 victory over gallant Old Bedians in the North West League Division Four (south).

Tyler Morris marked his new position as scrum-half with a hat-trick of tries, Craig Howell also crossing twice, while the other stand-out performer was Josh Lowe with two touchdowns following fine runs.

The Oswestry pack dominated the scrums with Rich Peate and Tom Worthington in good form, putting their side in good heart for this weekend's cup action away at Bowden.

COBRA's Harry Jukes tries to weave his way through the Bethesda defence, with Iwan Vaughan (right) in support.

Flag day for College golf academy

Ready to swing into action are (from left) Alec Tate, Sebastian Dewhurst, Molly Barker, Leo Gycha

ELLESMERE College has launched a golf academy to offer youngsters the opportunity to learn from one of the leading coaches, PGA professional Keith Williams.

The academy is open to children from eight to 18 and can undergo programmes designed to enhance each stage of a young golfer's progress, namely activities, development and high performance.

Williams is recognised as one of the leading coaches in Europe with a career spanning over 30 years, and has coached most of the bright young stars on the European Tour.

He has worked with top golfers such as PGA Champions, Scott Drummond and Andy Marshall, as well as several England squads.

Students will have access to the on-site golf course, as well as membership to local courses, including Hawkstone Park.

Current academy players include; West Midlands Under-16 and USKG World Championship representative Molly Barker, West Midlands Under-16 and European Junior Alec Tate, Leo Gycha from Golfclub Bayreuth in Germany and Sebastian Dewhurst, Junior representative from Carden Park Golf Club.

Coaching

In the first round of the ISGA Schools matchplay tournament, the team beat Oswestry School 2.1. They now go on to play the winners of Solihull v Shrewsbury.

The academy programme includes regular personalised coaching sessions; Technical golf skills development and specialist golf strength and conditioning training; Video analysis and golf simulation; and Scholarship opportunities

"What excites me most about the Ellesmere Golf Academy is the opportunity to develop a player pathway for children," said Ian Williams, Director of Sport at Ellesmere.

"The Academy is open to both girls and boys and is available to all standards of players.

"The purpose of the academy programme is to enhance the excellent provision for sport that exists at the School and also allow individual pupils to develop their academic and sporting talents to a level not normally supported in schools."

Golf returns from your local club

HENLLE PARK

New Members Competition Winners: B Mackenzie, R Edwards, I Harris and B Evans (Handicap Chairman).

Chris Hodges Pro Day: P Jones & S Woolrich 44pts (c/b); L Jones & R Jones 44pts; G Sutton & M Brown 43pts; G Wood & I Fort 42pts (c/b); C Parry & M Shaw 42pts.

MILE END

Pairs KO Winners: J Jones & J Finney. Runners Up: A Meddins & A Hoyles. Scratch KO Winner: B Hampson. Runner Up: N Exton. Handicap KO Winner: G Evans. Runner Up: D Roberts.

Sunday Nine Hole Social: B Dando, S Ball & J Turner 68pts; S Holloway, A Bailey, R Meyer & T Parkes 60pts; D Bradbury, M Salvoni, B Lingard & J Stanfield 56pts.

Seniors' Kent Cup: 1 S Ball. 2: R Edwards. Schneidr Trophy: D Field 4 up; P Donaway 4 up; M Pearson 4 up.

OSWESTRY

Eric Evans Salver: C Griffiths 76-12=64; S Hibbert 87-19=68 (c/b); M Rooke 74-6=68; J Winstanley 91-21=70 (c/b); C Manning 83-13=70 (c/b).

THE BROW

Monthly Medal Winner: P Morris 73-12=61. Best Gross: K Fairbank 78. Div 1: T Brough 83-15=68; B Stuttard 81-13=68; Div 2: G Williams 89-24=65; J Youens 87-18=69.

Johnstown bowled over by final win

THE finals night in the Oswestry League's floodlight fours competition was lit up by Johnstown A who retained the Bill Cobb trophy with two stunning fightbacks.

Trailing semi-final rivals Ruabon by 18 chalks after the first two games at Oswestry's Church club, the holders looked dead and buried.

But Jeff Jones (21-10) and Jono Shaw (21-11) took the last two games to seal a three chalk win and set up a final showdown with Llangollen.

They had defeated Johnstown C 71-63 in their semi with Welsh county junior bowler Ryan Bond rallying from 14-3 down to win his game to 18.

Ryan again starred for the RAFA Club boys in the final, winning 21-10, but with Johnstown A still four

Good Evans! Meifod back on glory trail

ROB Evans fired a hat-trick as Meifod returned to the top of JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League Honda division one with a 4-0 win at Lanrhaeadr reserves.

Elsewhere, Llanymynech overcame Trefonen 4-2 to move up to mid-table while Newtown Wanderers are second in Mitsubishi division two courtesy of a 4-2 win at Waterloo Colts.

Previous first division leaders Llanfair Reserves were in cup action as they moved into the second round of the Tanners Town Cup following their 2-0 win at Welshpool Reserves, Tim Dowling and Daryl Griffiths on target.

Berriew stormed into the third round of the Montgomeryshire Cup with an 8-0 hammering of Llangedwyn, led by two goals apiece from Brad Carr and Jamie Dockarty.

Results

The Robins (Newtown FC) League Cup, round two: Caersws Res 0 Waterloo Res 5, Llanfyllin 6 Guilsfield Res 1. Round One: Maesyrhandir 0 Kerry Res 2.

Tanners Town Cup, round one: Welshpool Res 0 Llanfair Res 2.

JT Hughes Montgomeryshire League Honda One: Llanrhaeadr Res 0 Meifod 4, Llanymynech 4 Trefonen 2.

Mitsubishi Two: Waterloo Colts 2 Newtown Wanderers 4.

MP Foulkes Montgomeryshire Challenge Cup round one: Newtown Rovers 2, Forden Utd 3 , Llanrhaeadr 2 Churchstoke 2 (Churchstoke won on penalties); **Round two:** Berriew 8 Llangedwyn 0.

Hockey men's showdown

OSWESTRY'S hockey players put their winning start to the test at home to Redditch in West Midlands League division one on Saturday.

The border club are joint top with six points from two outings after beating Pershore 5-3 at home. Redditch have also won both games since dropping down to the division.

Oswestry led 3-0 against Pershore thanks to Jack Morgan's strike and penalty flick plus James Duxbury's audacious flick over the keeper. Pershore got back to 3-2; Jody Wilson and Will Evans made it safe before a Pershore consolation.

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TNS WARY OF BANGOR TEST

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints boss Craig Harrison says his side's unbeaten form will be put to the test in Friday night's Dafabet Welsh Premier trip to Bangor City.

Although the Saints won 2-0 when the sides met at Park Hall just two weeks ago, Harrison saw enough that day to admit the defending champions will need to be at their best in the return.

They make the trip in good shape after opening up a five-point gap at the top following the two-goal victory over Gap Connah's Quay in their last outing.

The latest win sounded an ominous warning to their rivals, stretching TNS' unbeaten run to 11 games, 10 of which have been in the league.

They have kept clean sheets in seven of those outings - conceding just four goals in the process.

But Harrison stressed there's plenty of work ahead, and won't be treating Friday's hosts lightly.

"Bangor were certainly one of the better teams we have played this season," he admitted. "Although they lost striker Les Davies in the summer, they have brought in three or four good footballers with pace and they are a very, very improved team.

"They are capable of picking up some good results, and we certainly won't be taking anything for granted as we're expecting another tough game on their own pitch.

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"But we'll go there feeling confident after a good all round team performance against Connah's Quay, in which we controlled the game from the first whistle to the last.

"We worked hard and, considering we had three games in seven days, the tempo, and the desire to get the ball back as well as keeping it, was very pleasing. We wore them down and created opportunities."

Striker Scott Quigley took his tally to five goals in two games after netting twice against Gap to further stake his claim for a regular place up front.

"He's a big strong lad who is a real goal threat," added Harrison.

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The New Saints Ladies have been drawn at home to Wolves Ladies in the fourth qualifying round of the FA Women's Cup. The tie will be played on Sunday, November 8.

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Four goals apiece from Lewis Evans and sub Jack Jones led The New Saints under-19s to a 13-0 romp against Llanfair United in the first round of the FAW Welsh Youth Cup,

Nyasha Mwamuka also scored twice, with Callum Graybrook, Michael Owen and James Papirnyk getting the others.

Lessons to be learned – Llan boss

LLANFAIR UNITED boss Rhys Stephens admits his side must learn their lessons quickly if they are to avoid being sucked into a basement scrap in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

The league newcomers slipped to fourth from bottom, three points off the foot of the table, after a 3-2 home loss to Holyhead Hotspur who took charge with two goals right on half-time.

Despite a second-half fightback through Alun Hughes and a penalty from Ben Jones, United fell short.

"The damage was done in the three minutes before half-time," said Stephens. "At 1-0 down, we were still in it, but to concede two goals just before half-time changed the whole game.

"It's not the first time that has happened, and we need to learn from it – and learn quickly. We're very inexperienced, none of the players have played at this level before, and perhaps a lack of concentration cost us.

"I couldn't fault the spirit and energy in the second half, the lads redeemed themselves – but those three minutes before half-time cost us."

Llanfair face a tricky trip to improving Conwy Borough on Saturday, with Stephens sticking to the positive approach that has seen his side involved in several goal-fests this season.

He added: "We've got nine points from nine games, and a point a game will keep us up. If we finish fourth from bottom, it will be one hell of achievement."

GUILSFIELD, beaten 1-0 by Conwy Borough last weekend, look to find more consistency at home to Porthmadog on Saturday. Boss Danny Barton says his players need to get back to basics as the villagers look to stay in touch with the leading pack.

"I felt we were a little bit naive against Conwy; we conceded a poor free-kick from which they scored, which came from our corner," said Barton.

"Although we huffed and puffed, we didn't really do enough. We need to get back to basics, and look at our work ethics, but we also need a little bit of luck."

Barton was hoping to arrange a friendly this week to give some of his players a run out.

Llan facing tough tester in Trophy

LLANRHAEADR face the tough prospect of putting the brakes on high-riding Chirk AAA when the sides meet in the third round of the FA of Wales Trophy on Saturday (2pm).

After their early exit in the Welsh Cup this season, Llan will be hoping to make amends in the Trophy competition in which they impressed last term.

They booked their place with a 5-0 beating of local rivals Llansantffraid Village in the second round, but are certain to face a trickier tie against in-form Chirk who are currently unbeaten in the Welsh National League premier division with six wins and a draw.

Despite having home advantage, it promises to be a tough obstacle, but Llanrhaeadr can take heart from last week's 4-2 victory at Llanidloes Town that lifted them up to second in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

County calls for netball five

The under-14 county players (from left): Katie Garratt, Louisa Hunter, Izzy Francis Jones, Nancy Twigg and Jenni Bickford and below members of the club

THE new season may be just a few weeks old, but Oswestry Junior Netball Club already has good cause to celebrate after five of its under-14s team have landed county recognition.

Katie Garratt has been selected for Shropshire while fellow under-14s Louisa Hunter, Izzy Francis Jones, Nancy Twigg and Jenni Bickford have all been chosen by Powys.

The Oswestry club was founded over 15 years ago, and trains at Oswestry Leisure Centre on a Saturday morning.

Over the years, hundreds of girls have learned their netball with the club who this season will again be playing in the Shropshire Junior Netball League where they enter one team at under-11 level, three under-14s and two under-16s teams.

Matches are played at The Phoenix Centre in Dawley against teams from all over Shropshire.

The club also field two under-19s teams in the Oswestry & District League at Moreton Hall Sports Hall. With the support of the volunteer coaches and parents, the club hope that the girls develop a lifelong interest in netball .

Bitter taste from this medicine

HIGH-FLYING Oswestry bid to shrug off their first defeat of the season when they they host Marple in rugby's Cheshire South on Saturday (3pm).

After five straight wins, the Eagles were downed 18-10 at one of their chief rivals, Mancheser Medics. That saw them slip into third spot, four points off the top.

Despite the setback, they could take heart from a valiant effort as they set their sights on making a swift riposte at home to mid-table Marple.

Os struck first against the Medics, with their dominant pack paving the way for James Booth to go over in the corner from a line-out.

The Medics hit back with a penalty, then crossed for a converted try wide out, before Deian Lloyd-Hughes went over in the corner at the other end to level matters 10-10 at half-time.

The second half was tight but a harsh yellow card for Andy Merrett allowed Medics an overlap out wide to snatch an unconverted score before sealing the win with a late penalty.

The Eagles' gutsy effort was encapsulated by a man of the match performance from Luke Hassall.

Oswestry II swept aside Whitchurch Thirds 47-8 to ease their basement worries in Division Four (South), and it was also a good day for the club's third string who made it back-to-back wins with an emphatic 60-26 success against Old Bedians III in Division Five (South).

Young guns are firing Welshpool for the future

WELSHPOOL TOWN bid to maintain their improvements in the Spar Mid Wales League division one when they host Machynlleth on Friday night.

It has been a tough couple of years for the Maesydre outfit, but fortunes are picking up this term after a young side underlined their credentials with a 2-1 victory over Llandrindod Wells to cement their place among the leading pack.

The team included three 16-year-olds, and a couple of 19-year-olds, while there were nine local players on the pitch as the club looks to build. Having played five of the league's leading contenders, Pool will now target three points against a side in the lower regions.

Rock-bottom MONTGOMERY face a crunch home clash on Saturday against basement rivals Bow Street.

BERRIEW, looking for a swift return to the first division, have seen their plans disrupted by injuries from in the Montgomeryshire Cup second round tie with Llangedwyn. The 8-0 win came at a cost – the Rhiewsiders lost captain George Davies and Karl Seliaerts to injuries that required hospital treatment.

"George has torn his ligaments in his left ankle, whilst Karl had a very deep gash on the top of his foot which required a minor operation," said manager Dave Jones, the former Welshpool boss. "We expect to be without both for a while, although George will be out for longer. Goalkeeper Danny Foulkes is also struggling with a knock."

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